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Raise opponents gear up for next round

By ROB BURGESS
The Daily Journal

A citizen's group opposed to the recently instated Mendocino County Board of Supervisors pay raise is gearing up for another fight.

After collecting around 5,000 signatures earlier this year from Mendocino County voters, the citizen's group, known as Citizens Watchdog Action Committee, is set to make a new push to draft a voter initiative.

At the Aug. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting, the previous 43 percent pay

raise, which was directly tied to the Superior Court judges' salary, was repealed.

Immediately following the repeal,

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FOLLOW-UP

Ukiah's water diet paying off

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

The city of Ukiah is hoping that the voluntary conservation that citizens and businesses have been practicing since July will become a way of life, said city spokeswoman Lauren McPhaul.

"Voluntary water conservation will go a long way towards meeting our community's needs," she said.

As of Thursday, the city had achieved an 11.2-percent water reduction for the season, slightly above where it was in August, but she said water use in the month of September was 13 percent less than during a normal year.

The city has been practicing voluntary conservation since the beginning of July. In June, the State Water Resources Control Board announced that entities that take water out of the Russian River, which flows out of Lake Mendocino, must reduce water usage by 15 percent.

The city is not bound by that order, which was given to the Sonoma County Water Agency, but has been practicing water conservation voluntarily, McPhaul said.

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'When I think of Masonite I think of my Dad. He started working there before I was born. I remember the smell of the wood on him when he hugged us after coming home from work.' – RANDY THOMAS

Ronnie Bogner

I grew up directly in front of Masonite because my grandfather sold them the property to build in about 1946 or so and then some more land where the chip piles were in 1957, keeping the land near what is now North State Street.

In the early days using chips was a relatively new idea and so there was not an adequate supply from surrounding mills. I remember looking through the fence as a small child seeing entire logs unloaded from freight cars to be chipped and stored in the two large white silos. Imagine chipping perfectly good logs today!

My most poignant memory is of Masonite's whistle, which blew at 7:30 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. My parents had New Year's parties in our large garage back in the '60s and whoever was on duty at Masonite would blow the whistle at exactly midnight on and off for about a minute or two to bring in the New Year. We would step out of the garage to hear the whistle along with a few other guests every year.

Another great memory was the smoke rings (probably actually made of steam) which emitted from Masonite every few minutes. They rose very high in the sky and lasted a minute or so. Every one had a bump on it, which I imagined as a child was the diamond on the ring.

Randy Thomas

When I think of Masonite

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MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

As demolition work on the long-closed Masonite plant on North State Street continues, a sign on South State Street near the airport still welcomes visitors to Ukiah, "Home of Masonite."

Memories of Masonite

Lois Studdert

My father, Ervine Barnett, worked for Masonite from 1952 until his death in 1981. His shift began at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. I remember he would leave for work at 7:15 every morning; when he parked he would have to run to get clocked in on time. Someone finally left him a bicycle at the Guard Shack so he would not have to run anymore.

I would also like to thank all those workers who donated blood for my Dad when he was sick.

Builder of Masonite now watches demolition

By K.C. MEADOWS
The Daily Journal

Floyd Lawrence can sit on his front porch and see the former Masonite plant being torn down. He has a special interest in watching since he led the team that built the factory half a century ago.

At 93, Lawrence has been retired longer than many people have yet been working, but he can still remember some of the many jobs he did as a construction supervisor, and the Masonite plant in Ukiah is certainly one of them.

"It was going to create considerable additional employment," he recalled, adding that it was also expanding the area's resource-based industry. "It was using the timber we had a lot of in the area at the time."

Before the plant, the state mental hospital in Talmage was the biggest employer locally, he guessed. Otherwise, people worked in the more seasonal agricultural industry either in timber operations, or in local growing operations. Lawrence recalled that local teenagers used to pick hops, grapes and other crops and even the schools closed during harvest season to allow teenagers to make themselves useful in the orchards.

The giant Masonite water tower that many in town would love to see main-

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'It was a great thing for Ukiah at the time. I certainly never thought I'd live to see it torn down.'

FLOYD LAWRENCE, age 93



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Floyd Lawrence relaxes on the porch of his home Friday on East Side Calpella Road. From his vantage, he can watch demolition of the Masonite plant he helped build.

INSIDE UDJ

By Editor K.C. Meadows



The blog is at
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Sampling of blog postings

Posted Friday

As some of you out there may know, I host a radio show at KZYX once a month. As a result I am on a list-serve for emails among programmers. Many times people with specific complaints about the other people or the working conditions at KZYX use the list serve as a means of expression. One such programmer has been expressing his concern that having WiFi or cell use at the station is bad for his health. I don't often pay much attention - or even read - the KZYX chatter that comes through on my email regularly because I simply don't have time. But this input from another programmer who shall remain nameless

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF NANCY DIANE KING
Nancy Diane King passed away peacefully in her home on September 25, 2007. She was born in Santa Cruz, California in 1928. At the age of sixteen, Nancy relocated to the Ukiah Valley where she met and eventually married her beloved husband of sixty-one years, Mark Francis King. Together, they raised their four-teen children. Nancy has a tremendous love for animals.

She was one of the first dog trainers in the Valley and would often take in any stray that her children brought home, which were many. Nancy also enjoyed garden- ing, home deco- rating, horseback riding, traveling, and play- ing pinochle (with a fierce competitive spirit!). An avid Giants fan, she also enjoyed talking baseball with her children and grandchildren. Under the friendship and guidance of Father Bertram Mulligan OFM Cap, Nancy devel- oped a strong relationship with God and be- came a prominent lifelong member of the lo- cal Catholic Church. Mark and Nancy worked hard so each child had the privilege of attend- ing private school, Saint Mary's, to foster their own spiritual develop- ment. The King's family matri- arch, Nancy, was al- ways the center of activity. Opening her door to the neighborhood she

not only raised her own children, Renee Martinez, Bradford King, Christine Fechan, Matthew King, Ruth Powell, Dianne Fetzner, Bobbi King, Jeannette Witzel, Mary Bridges, Denise Bussey, Elizabeth Cas- tillo, Lisa Cortina, Phillip King and Nanci Goodacre, she also opened her heart and door to Anita Toste. Over the years, the King family home has continued to be the hub of activity and had welcomed a total of 62 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren. Thank you mom for the many gifts you've given us. You exemplified the importance of family, giving us your love and acceptance, and taught us to do the same. You shared your love of life, of ani- mals, of children and your sense of humor. You taught us the differ- ence between right and wrong without judge- ment. The strength and

courage you demon- strated in the face of, not only your own ill- ness, but the loss of a child, gave us the strength to be strong for you and for each oth- er. We will continue to love each other and to be the strong men and women you raised us to be. A rosary service will be held at St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, 900 South Oak Street, Ukiah, CA on October 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will also be held at St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church on October 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. followed by graveside services at Ukiah Cemetery. Dona- tions may be made in mem- ory of Nancy King to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Attn: Tributes Dept., 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eversole Mortuary.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

THEFT -- Subject report- ed tournament horseshoes stolen out of a vehicle at 8:07 a.m. Friday at 850 Dora Ave.
ACCIDENT -- A two- vehicle non-injury traffic accident occurred at 2:07 p.m. Friday at the corner of North Bush Street and Walnut Avenue.
ACCIDENT -- A two- vehicle non-injury traffic accident occurred at 2:52 p.m. Friday at 680 S. State St.
ACCIDENT -- A two- vehicle non-injury traffic accident occurred at 5:40 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of East Perkins Street. The first vehicle entered the intersec- tion, colliding with the second vehicle.

CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be report- ed to the editor, 468-3526.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DAILY 3: night: 5, 5, 9. afternoon: 8, 3, 5.
FANTASY 5: 3, 16, 21, 33, 36.
DAILY DERBY: 1st Place: 04, Big Ben. 2nd Place: 06, Whirl Win. 3rd Place: 02, Lucky Star.
Race time: 1:41.45.
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The world briefly

Wounded veterans, their families suffer economically; 185,000 seek help so far

TEMECULA (AP) — He was one of America's first defend- ers on Sept. 11, 2001, a Marine who pulled burned bodies from the ruins of the Pentagon. He saw more horrors in Kuwait and Iraq. Today, he can't keep a job, pay his bills, or chase thoughts of suicide from his tortured brain. In a few weeks, he may lose his house, too. Gamal Awad, the American son of a Sudanese immigrant, exemplifies an emerging group of war veterans: the economic casualties. More than in past wars, many wounded troops are coming home alive from the Middle East. That's a triumph for military medicine. But they often return hobbled by prolonged physical and mental injuries from homemade bombs and the unremitting anxiety of fighting a hidden enemy along blurred battle lines. Treatment, recovery and retraining often can't be assured quick- ly or cheaply. These troops are just starting to seek help in large numbers, more than 185,000 so far. But the cost of their benefits is already testing resources set aside by government and threaten- ing the future of these wounded veterans for decades to come, say economists and veterans' groups.

Myanmar protesters' hope wanes, even after U.N. sends envoy to negotiate

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Die-hard protesters waved the peacock flag of the crushed pro-democracy movement on a solitary march Saturday through the eerily quiet streets of

Myanmar's largest city, where many dissidents said they were resigned to defeat without international intervention. Housewives and shop owners taunted troops but quickly dis- appeared into alleyways. According to diplomats briefed by witnesses, residents of three neighborhoods blocked soldiers from entering the monasteries in a crackdown on Buddhist monks, who led the largest in a month of demonstrations. The soldiers left threatening to return with reinforcements. The top U.N. envoy on Myanmar, Ibrahim Gambari, arrived in the country but many protesters said they were nonetheless seeing a repeat of the global reaction to a 1988 pro-democracy uprising, when the world stood by as protesters were gunned down in the streets. "Gambari is coming, but I don't think it will make much of a difference," said one hotel worker, who like other residents asked not to be named, fearing retaliation. "We have to find a solution ourselves." Soldiers and police were posted on almost all corners in the cities of Yangon and Mandalay. Shopping malls, grocery stores and public parks were closed and few people dared to venture out of their homes.

Afghan president offers to meet Taliban leader Omar; 30 killed in bomb attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai on Saturday offered to meet with the Taliban leader and give mili- tants a government position only hours after a suicide bomber in army disguise attacked a military bus, killing 30 people — nearly all of them Afghan soldiers. Strengthening a call for negotiations he has made with increasing frequency in recent weeks, Karzai said he was will- ing to meet with the reclusive leader Mullah Omar and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a former prime minister and factional warlord leader. "If I find their address, there is no need for them to come to me, I'll personally go there and get in touch with them," Karzai said. "Esteemed Mullah, sir, and esteemed Hekmatyar, sir, why

are you destroying the country?" Karzai said he has contacts with Taliban militants through tribal elders but that there are no direct and open government communication channels with the fighters. Omar's whereabouts are not known, although Karzai has claimed he is in Quetta, Pakistan, a militant hotbed across the border from Afghanistan's Kandahar province. "If a group of Taliban or a number of Taliban come to me and say, 'President, we want a department in this or in that ministry or we want a position as deputy minister ... and we don't want to fight anymore,' ... If there will be a demand and a request like that to me, I will accept it because I want conflicts and fighting to end in Afghanistan," Karzai said.

Leading indicators for 2008 political fortunes point downward for GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is gallows humor time for Republicans in Congress, where one lawmaker jokes that "there's talk about us going the way of the Whigs," the 19th century political party long extinct. "That's not going to happen," Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., has- tens to add, although a little more than a year before the 2008 election, the major leading political indicators still point down- ward for a party abruptly turned out of power in 2006. Fundraising for Republican campaign organizations lags. That is strikingly so in the House, where the party committee spent more than it raised in each of the past two months, report- ed only \$1.6 million in the bank at the end of August and a debt of nearly \$4 million. Democrats reported \$22.1 million in the bank and a debt of slightly more than \$3 million. Candidate recruitment has been uneven, particularly in the Senate, where Republicans must defend 22 of the 34 seats on the ballot next year. Democrats boast top-tier challengers for GOP-held seats in Colorado, Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, Minnesota and Oregon.

NOTICE
On page 16 of the Wal-Mart circular dated September 30 through October 6, we advertised Advil® Maximum Strength. We included the product by mistake; the product won't be commercially available as soon as we thought it would be. We'd like to say "We're sorry" for any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused you, our very valued customers.
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Memories of Masonite *cont.*

Builder

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tained somehow, was the source of water pressure for the plant. Lawrence said water was pumped out of the Russian River, up into the tank.

During construction, the then-working railroad brought steel and other construction materials not available locally right to the site.

The Masonite process - making sheets of plywood out of chipped timber - was a relatively new technology at the time, Lawrence said.

Lawrence, a Ukiah native, was a well-known construction man in town and was hired by the San Francisco firm of Barrett and Hilt, to be superintendent of the Masonite plant construction. He'd worked for B&H before in San Francisco and also had worked on other Ukiah projects including buildings at the fairgrounds - one of his first construction jobs - the Ukiah Theater and Potter Valley Elementary School.

Of course, at the time, the Masonite plant was being constructed on agricultural land far from the town center in what was then pretty much the mid-

dle of nowhere.

Lawrence watches the demolition daily with interest and keeps his eye on the water tower.

"I look and see if (it's) still standing," he said. He's amazed at how quickly all the years of construction he led is being dismantled, and he's a bit puzzled that the factory couldn't have been put to some other use.

He doesn't favor the idea of a new mall on the site and fears it will damage current local businesses.

Lawrence said the dozens of men who worked on the factory were local workers and there was certainly no controversy about it in town.

Masonite was a welcome new employer. As was common in those days there were no long permit processes, or environmental impact statements to prepare. The factory was complete in three years and one month, he said, although operations started before completion.

"It was a great thing for Ukiah at the time," he said of the Masonite plant. It created lots of employment, he noted, people moved into town and lots of new homes were built.

"I certainly never thought I'd live to see it torn down," he said.



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

The view from Floyd Lawrence's home: the Masonite water tower and smoke stacks.

Memories

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I think of my Dad. He started working there before I was born. I remember the smell of the wood on him when he hugged us after coming home from work.

The company picnics at Camp Navarro with its rope swing, swimming in the river, all the food and soda and ice cream you could eat, playing games with all the other kids, now that is a great childhood memory! Picnics at the Todd Grove Park and at Lake Mendocino, what wonderful memories.

We would go hunting out on the Masonite property and learned to respect the land and the animals. We would cut wood and loaded it into the pickup. My brother and I learned to work together out there on that property.

When the holidays came around we couldn't wait to go to the Christmas Matinee that Masonite held for the employees' children. The shows were always great and the bags of candy they gave us was always looked forward to. My own children were lucky enough to be able to attend some of the Christmas Matinees with my Dad also.

I guess Masonite was a big part of my life and my family's. It's sad to see it being torn down. Companies that care about their employees are rare these days. My dad retired from Masonite with 45 years of service. He never worked anywhere else. Dad passed away about 10 years ago; every time I drive past the old site I still look to see if his motor scooter is parked in the lot. It will be strange to see something else there. Dad, we love you and miss you.

Dennis Pickner

I worked for Masonite Corporation for 41 years. I think I was the last employee to retire from Masonite before they closed the plant.

I've seen a lot of employees

come and go. Many people from Ukiah have worked at Masonite at one time or another. Two of my boys worked there for a short time. There were the core employees that seem to stay forever.

We looked forward to the company picnic each year. Our kids enjoyed playing the games and we always had good music, good food and a good time visiting with each other.

I was an electrician. We worked all over the plant. We crawled under equipment, over equipment, in pits and high places. We ran wires, replaced motors, switches, etc. We kept busy keeping the plant running. We pulled little pranks on each other to keep work fun.

The electricians ate lunch together in the electric shop. We would play cribbage every day while eating lunch (some fierce games).

Masonite was a good place to work; it was steady employment, it kept the bills paid.

Masonite memories



Audio slide show at
ukiahdailyjournal.com

Ellen Mcbee

As I drive by and watch Masonite disappear into memory, I can't help but think of all the faces that go along with it.

I'm proud to be a part of the Masonite Bunch. We were like a big family, seeing more of each other than our own families. I also think about all the little kitty cats I used to feed, and get into so much trouble over. Seems like I was



Photos provided courtesy of Mike Gherkin

(Above) This aerial view of Masonite is estimated to be from the late 1960s. (Below) Maintenance Department employees gather for a photograph. Mike Gherkin, shown third from right in the front row, said the photo is likely from the early 1990s.

always in trouble for something; it's hard to believe I lasted over 23 1/2 years.

I started out on the graveyard shift in Refinishing Dept. when they first starting hiring women. No one ever started on the graveyard shift. I worked rotating shifts for over 18 years. None of my friends could ever remember what shift I was on. Finally worked my way up the progression line to fork lift driver loading trucks - straight days. Then it ended.

I was devastated when Bruce announced the closure along with everyone else. Where to go? What to do? But Masonite helped us with classes - job fairs - severance packages - government funding. I was able to go back to school and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse along with John Fahy, another Masoniteer. I thank Masonite for my new career and also for the joy of my life - Russell Sawyer - whom I met at Masonite. What are we doing now? I'm working as a charge nurse at Ukiah Convalescent Hospital, and Russell is working as a truck driver for Wardway. Yes there is a life after Masonite.



Mike Gherkin

I worked there for 39 years. I started in May 1963 unloading chip railcars then driving the 988 loaders that feed the mill, then I worked the last 16 years as an oiler.

I had more fun at that job, as I would tie red rags in a knot and go up to the top of the boiler house and throw the rags at anybody below. Anybody was game, from the mill manager, bosses, anyone was game. I would grease bike handle bars and door knobs.

I remember one day we had a safety meeting and my boss told us the guy throwing rags off the boiler house better knock it off (I even tried real hard to hit him.) Of course, all 13 or 15 guys were looking at me. I said 'did anybody see me?'

It's the guys I really miss the most, the guys I worked with. The best thing is, my best friends are still in this area. It's sad it's being torn down, but there is a lot of land that will be put to good use.

I'm retired now, and when I drive by on State Street and look at Masonite, it brings back memories.

How time flies by.

Editor's note: Thanks to everyone who sent us their memories of Masonite. We received more than we were able to fit in one edition, and will feature more Masonite memories on next Sunday's Reminisce page. Additionally, next Sunday's Reminisce page will include the This Was News column and complete information about this month's Elusive Image.

ELUSIVE IMAGES UPDATE

The entries have been checked, and numerous people correctly identified the Elusive Images photo published on this page Sept. 16 and Sept. 23. One of those people will win a free copy of "Reflections: A Pictorial History of Inland Mendocino County, Volume II." See next Sunday's Reminisce page for more about this month's elusive image, and the announcement of the winner.

Democrats step up on salmon issues as Craig loses support

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The surprising fall of Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, removes a longtime obstacle to efforts by Democrats and environmentalists to promote salmon recovery on Northwest rivers.

Craig, who was removed from leadership posts on the Senate Appropriations and Energy committees after a sex scandal, is known as one the most powerful voices in Congress on behalf of the timber and power industries. Environmentalists have fought him for years on issues from endangered salmon to public land grazing.

Now Senate Democrats, exercising their slim majority, have waded into two contentious issues — both related to Snake River salmon.

First, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada asked federal

regulators to require passage for salmon and steelhead for relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex, a series of dams on the Snake River between Oregon and Idaho.

Reid says the passage would allow salmon to return to their historical spawning grounds in northern Nevada, where the shimmering fish used to run thick nearly a century ago.

Meanwhile, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., has asked her colleagues to undo Craig's bid to use a federal spending bill to dictate water flow for Snake River fish.

Salmon advocates were thrilled at the actions of the two western Democrats, which they say could go a long way to protect and restore salmon and steelhead in the Snake River Basin, which spans Washington state, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming.

"The only way we protect this fish

and ensure they don't go extinct is if folks stand up now and take some leadership on these issues. I think that's what Senator Reid is doing and for that matter Senator Cantwell too," said Nicole Cordan, policy and legal director for the Save Our Wild Salmon, an advocacy group.

Under language inserted by Craig this summer, the Interior Department would be directed to implement "without further delay" a controversial Bush administration biological opinion on the Upper Snake River issued in 2005.

U.S. District Judge James Redden ruled last year that the opinion did not do enough to promote recovery of threatened salmon, violating the Endangered Species Act. He ordered federal officials to submit a new salmon recovery plan by the end of October.

Salmon advocates say Craig's language would nullify Redden's ruling

and direct officials to rely on a discredited policy that does not provide enough water to allow salmon to thrive and shifts costs for recovery of the threatened fish to the states.

In a Sept. 19 letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., chair of the Senate Appropriations Interior subcommittee, Cantwell said Craig's action could undermine the ongoing planning process for salmon and disrupt a judicial order.

"In addition, it could further threaten salmon in the Columbia-Snake River Basin, and the communities that depend on them, by delaying the development of a legally valid" policy, Cantwell wrote.

Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Craig, accused Cantwell and Reid of meddling in Idaho issues.

"Basically the bottom line is Larry Craig is out to protect Idaho water," Whiting said, adding that Craig believes that the 2005 opinion reject-

ed by the court is one that will "balance all the interests of water issues in the region, for irrigation, power use and for salmon."

Democrats control both chambers of Congress "and I'm sure they are looking for opportunities to get their way," Whiting added. "Whether they are taking advantage of Senator Craig's current state I don't know."

Craig is expected to remain as Idaho's senior senator at least until a Minnesota judge rules on his effort to withdraw a guilty plea in a men's room sex sting.

As long as he is in office, Craig "will represent Idaho's interests," Whiting said. "Natural resource issues and salmon and water are things he's worked at for 27 years."

On the Net:
Salmon *Recovery:*
http://www.salmonrecovery.gov/

Firefighters honored for their sacrifices

By LAURA KURTZMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Twenty-nine names were added Saturday to the limestone memorial for fallen firefighters in Capitol Park, a ceremony that bore witness to recent tragic events as well as decades-old unsung sacrifices.

Time and distance meant many of those who attended the event had never heard of each other's losses, much less met before the late morning memorial, which was suffused with the mournful sounds of bagpipes.

"Even though we don't know each other, even though we may never meet again, we have a tie that binds us," said Vito Impastato, a Contra Costa County firefighter, whose father, also a firefighter, died of cancer four years ago.

Those honored include five U.S. Forest Service firefighters who died last year battling the arson-lit Esperanza fire in Riverside County — Pablo Cerda, Daniel Hoover-Najera, Mark Allen Loutzenhiser, Jason Robert McKay and Jess Edward McLean.

Two others — Matthew Charles Burton and Scott Peter Desmond — were Contra Costa County firefighters who died this year trying without success to save an elderly couple from their burning San Pablo home.

Others died years ago but were only recently brought to the attention of the group that

maintains the memorial.

Dale Byrd, a firefighter from Buena Park, suffered a heart attack while fighting an industrial fire in 1972. Luther Rodarte, a U.S. Forest Service firefighter, died in 1967 trying to rescue a colleague in another state. William Porteus Chapman, an off duty Oakland firefighter, collapsed in 1943 while fighting a blaze at a War Department tire depot near his house.

Still others died of illnesses they contracted because of their dangerous work. Several, including Alison Greene of the San Francisco Fire Department, lost their lives in job-related cancers.

And some died in on-duty vehicle accidents, including Ronald Yale Wiley, a deputy fire marshal with the Richmond Fire Department, and Bryan Zollner, a battalion chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Several dignitaries, including Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, attended the event. In a brief speech, Boxer said, "Thank you for doing your jobs as firefighters."

Schwarzenegger did not speak, but he did sign a law extending health benefits to the families of federal firefighters in California who die in the line of duty. Until now, those benefits were available only to state and local firefighters' families.

Prisons face growing population of elderly inmates, rising health costs

HARDWICK, Ga. (AP) — Razor wire topping the fences seems almost a joke at the Men's State Prison, where many inmates are slumped in wheelchairs, or leaning on walkers or canes. It's becoming an increasingly common sight: geriatric inmates spending their waning days behind bars. The soaring number of aging inmates is now outpacing the prison growth as a whole.

Tough sentencing laws passed in the crime-busting 1980s and 1990s are largely to blame. It's all fueling an explosion in inmate health costs for cash-strapped states.

"It keeps going up and up," said Alan Adams, director of Health Services for the Georgia Department of Corrections. "We've got some old guys who are too sick to get out of bed. And some of them, they're going to die inside. The courts say we have to provide care and we do. But that costs money."

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Blog

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caught my eye.

He wrote: "I detect logic in your e-mail and that has been known to cause pain, suffering and even death. One need only read of the Inquisition, examine the theories of 'trickle down economics,' watch the movie 'Brazil,' or review the seventies studies that warned of the looming 'Ice Age' to know where logical thinking can get you. At every step it seems not so much the threat that the individual may pose to themselves it seems more the threat that other-busy bodies seem to think the individual poses to the amorphous society at large. If something you do offends a handful of people then you are the one that needs to amend their behavior, not the anal-retentive hypochondriac doing the complaining. I have read studies, not funded by the smoking industry, that claim that second hand smoke has less effect on us than everything else that has been put into our breathing space. Cars, BBQ's, factories and the fact that there are far more of us moving around stirring up more particulate matter. But no, it is definitive, second hand smoke, even the merest wisp, causes cancer. Ergo all legislation needs to be focused on forcing those of us who enjoy lighting up to move farther and farther out to the fringe. An easy target. I actually don't mind too much as it moves me further away from the whiners, which is always a good thing.

It seems a simple thing to say that if you are worried about the effect of WiFi don't bring it into your home. Don't use a cell phone, don't visit places that have WiFi. But alas a few among us seem ever driven to wail and moan of all the possible threats. It matters not that they participate in daily dangers such as getting in a car, driving places, eating out at a restaurant (check out the morbidity rates for choking, poisoning and getting run over in a parking lot or even getting to the place to have such happen.), walking in the wild with rattlesnakes, rabid skunks and who knows what else. No, it is wireless that we all need to set up and pay attention to. It matters not that we are all informed, we need to take action, now!

We are all going to have to deal with ever increasing spheres of wireless coverage but so do I have to deal with you whiners' ever widening spheres of kvetching about my second hand smoke, my eating of fast food, my driving of a gas powered vehicle, my drinking of alcohol, my few extra pounds, my ambivalence about war, my love of 'idiot and anvil movies', my habit of killing some of the food I eat, my love of eating flesh, my ability to walk out of Wal-Mart with my head held high with my purchases in hand, my inability to see George Bush as any less evil than any other president we have had in the last fifty years as well as any num-

ber of other moans I hear on a regular basis. Feel free to let me know how you feel but please stop the whining! You care, we may not. I am so ready to push for legislation that would outlaw vegan, vegetarian, smoke-free, alcohol-free, organic, drug and nuclear free zones because of the threat of second hand sanctimoniousness. Judging from the world at large outside of this bubble, it would pass in a walk."

On another subject, I did an informal check on the six child molesters who had been kicked out of the Ramada Inn earlier this month after the Daily Journal reported they were being put up there at state cost to the tune of as much as a couple thousand a month. Anyway, my blog on the subject later included a phone conversation I had with one of the child molesters, a man from Vallejo who told me he was calling from Sun House/Grace Hudson park. Someone in the parole system apparently read the blog too and the man was rearrested for being in a park, where he is never allowed and sent back to jail. The rest are, I understand, still probably wandering around Ukiah homeless.

Posted Wednesday:

A got a call from a Laytonville woman named Randy who is in her 60s and is the mother of seven daughters, one of whom, her 28-year-old daughter (I'll call her Mary), is in the county jail.

Randy admits to being the one who called the police last spring when she and Mary got into an argument over Mary's boyfriend and Mary got a little physical with her. Now, however, Randy is upset and believes her daughter is being mistreated and will be permanently damaged by her experience in the jail.

Randy says her daughter definitely has anger management issues and is an alcoholic, although she had been in some kind of rehab in Lake County and was clean for some time.

Now, Randy, says, Mary has been in the county jail since April 23 with no conviction and no sentence. Randy says the court says she is incompetent to stand trial. Randy says Mary is in lock down now and she, her mother, has been barred from visiting her. She says the county social worker and mental health workers are also barred from seeing Mary. She says that since she hasn't been sentenced, Mary

is ineligible for treatment programs. Randy also says she is being force fed Risperdal, a drug for schizophrenics with side effects that include anxiety, insomnia and weight gain (all things you really need while in lockup).

Mary sounds like she definitely has substance abuse and anger problems, may also have a rap sheet and undoubtedly needs help. But does she deserve to be in lockdown, in jail, with no visitors and no one treating her for anything other than with serious psychotropic drugs?

I am sure there are people out there who know more about this case and I am going to try to find out something more about it. And I don't doubt that jail staff are doing what they believe is right in Mary's case. Clearly her mother is going to provide mostly what she believes is in Mary's defense. However, just on the surface it seems like this may be a good case to look at when we look at the very critical problem of having mentally ill people in our jails. This 28-year-old woman has apparently been found incompetent to stand trial and yet she is being treated like a prisoner convicted of a very serious crime.

That just doesn't sound right to me.

Posted Tuesday

Quill Driver Books sent me a copy of one its latest books: "California Justice: Shootouts, Lynchings and Assassinations in the Golden State" by David Kulczyk.

It is 35 short chapters of violent incidents in California history. Four of the chapters deal with things that happened in Mendocino County. Hmmm. 58 counties, more than 100 years of history, 35 chapters and four of them about things that happened here.

Anyway, the first three are incidents that happened in the wild and wooly late 1800s, three of them lynchings. The first of a Hispanic man who shot a man in the middle of a wedding celebration in Hopland. Apparently Jose Antonio Ygarra wanted to kill wedding guest William Granjean because Granjean was scheduled to testify against him in a horse rustling case. Ygarra was tracked down by wedding guests and hung from a live oak outside Hopland.

The second story is about Indian Charlie who was apparently found knifing a white woman along the side of the road near Walker Valley (I don't

know where that was). A man, traveling coincidentally along the road scared Charlie off and a party of angry men went after him and found him that night and hung him from a tree and also shot many holes into him.

The third story was about a gang of no-goods living in the Little Lake area who were terrorizing the town and were finally jailed, but who threatened any townman who dared testify against them. The townmen took the law into their own hands and grabbed the three gangsters from the jail and hung them from a nearby bridge. An investigation into the matter from the local sheriff and DA found no one able to identify any of the vigilantes.

The fourth story is a modern one well known to Ukiahans. It is the story of Ukiah Police Officer Marcus Young and cadet Julian Covella who faced Neal Allan Beckman in a shootout in the Wal-Mart parking lot in 2003. Young was shot five times including in his hand and Covella helped him unholster his gun and shoot Beckman as Beckman tried to pull the police shotgun out of Young's nearby patrol car.

All of these stories are told very briefly and there are a couple of small inaccuracies in them - like Little Lake being in Ukiah and the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat being a Ukiah publication - that make we wonder how accurate other parts of the stories are.

Also, Mr. Kulczyk in some cases tends to make light of these stories which, while certainly interesting bits of the state's history, are also important testimony to the violent and often racist attitudes of the times.

For instance, in the first story

he writes: "Jose Antonio Ygarra eliminated the witness who could put him away, but in doing so, he created an overwhelming social angst. As a result, Jose missed the party and attended the hangman's ball instead."

The title of the Marcus Young story was: "Eagle Scout Earns Merit Badge."

The bibliography cites 40 books, 21 periodicals or newspapers and a web site. It seems to me that Mr. Kulczyk has done not much more than look up these stories, pick out the ones that sort of fit his theme and reprint them in this slim volume. His general theme of California Justice is that contrary to Hollywood good-guys and bad-guys stories, "Sometimes it is difficult to tell the victims from the perpetrators."

But the book also includes not only the Marcus Young story, but the more famous stories of the 1968 Sirhan Sirhan assassination of Robert Kennedy and the shootings of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978 where the good guys and bad guys are pretty clear cut.

Sorry, but I think Mr. Kulczyk - a Sacramento based free lance writer - could have done better.

Comments this week included:

On polling:

Voting Places: As a young girl the local voting place was my grade school. Having flags outside, adults that weren't teachers and all of our parents showing up at school to vote was a great way to teach the students about government. It gave me the opportunity to see democracy in action. At times

my father would volunteer to "man" the polling place and I was proud that he felt strong enough about democracy to give up a day of pay to do it. Being around a polling place, talking about government and the issues at such a young age resulted in me majoring in Political Science in high school.

With the polling places quickly disappearing - will the youth of today be forced to learn about democracy solely from electronic media?

Posted by: Vanessa VachoniSeptember 21, 2007

I couldn't agree with you more about the elimination of polling places. We lost ours at the Community Center in Brooktrails a few years ago.

I was proud to drive to the Community Center, making it a part of other errands that day. A flag was mounted outside to mark the occasion and, for the most part, elderly neighbors manned the tables, making sure everything was above board and handled correctly. I said "hello" to friends and saw real democracy at work, thriving really.

An arbitrary decision by someone in power too long took all of that away. (Wasn't the previous County Clerk, Viola Richardson, Wharff's aunt?)

Posted by: Gail RichardsSeptember 23, 2007

On Sally's Beauty supply sign

I am the one who wrote the note posted on the door. I have been advised to not say too much but I could probably talk in a more personal level. The company really pissed us off and to be fair it was most of the staff not all. One girl stayed behind.

Posted by: Jessie DillSeptember 25, 2007

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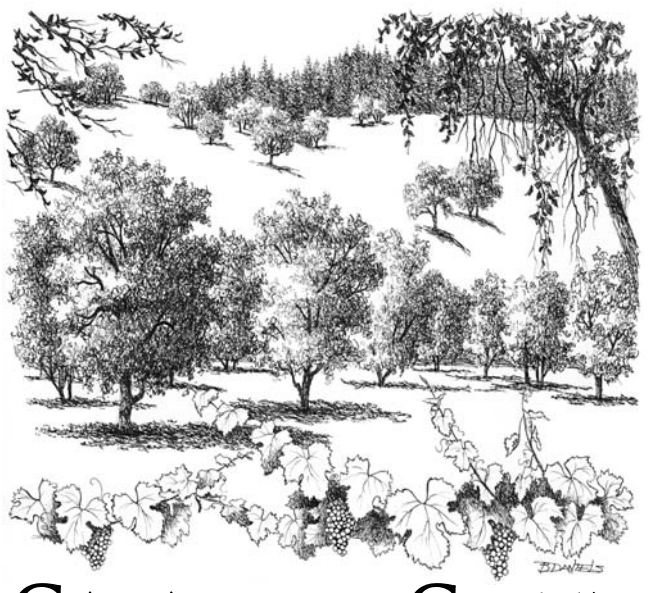

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Letters from our readers

Looking for stolen boat

To the Editor:
Rick Kruse is a local retired fisherman who spent many of his free hours treating local youth to camping and water ski trips. In the past eight years, children of friends, grandchildren and adopted nieces and nephews were thrilled to learn skiing skills and boat safety.
All that came to an end Wednesday Sept. 12, when Rick's boat the "My Girl" was stolen from a storage yard on North State Street in Ukiah by two men driving an older, smaller white pick-up truck. The boat was filled with children's wet suits, skis, camping gear, and had two kayaks tied to the bimini roof.
Rick describes the boat as a 1985 classic mastercraft competition ski boat painted in a special anniversary "Stars and Stripes" blue, white and gray.
Any information about this cold hearted theft would be greatly appreciated.
Rick and the children are heartbroken.
**Debbie Kruse
Albion**

How safe is it?

To the Editor:
We all know that rubber tires are a pollution problem, but I think grinding them up and melting them into our roads is a big mistake. Every time we think we have a great idea for how to get rid of toxic materials by dumping them into our environment, it backfires, and us citizens end up footing the bill. Did we learn nothing from the Willits disaster?
The recent UDJ front page story says that Granite is recycling and helping us out here. Why was there no counterpoint in the story? So, many folks didn't want a meat processing plant, but now we want a rubber tire disposing plant?
We all need to question what's going on here. Don't be fooled by the "enviro-spin." Granite is making money on this process, and we need to recognize that Granite is not Pamum any longer. Granite is one of the largest commercial construction companies in the USA.
This rubberizing process has been illegal here for many years. This is not a new process. We didn't just invent it; rather, it was considered unsafe. So, why is it okay now? UDJ states that Granite convinced CalTrans that the process is safe. Ok, let's see the environmental report on that, or do we just trust the company on it? Also, how do we plan to monitor and be assured that the process stays safe? What about the local people that have to breathe the toxins each day? What about the pollutant dust that lands on vineyards in the surrounding area? What about the Russian River that flows past the plant?
No, I'm not a far-out environmentalist type. I'm an engineer/scientist, and I think we've got to stop and take a closer look. It was once illegal and a bad idea, so what changed? I think us citizens deserve a deeper explanation and a detailed analysis. After all, we are the ones paying for it (the roads), and we don't want to pay for it again in 20 years to clean up another corporate mess.
**Carl Sassenrath
Ukiah**

Wants action on pot growers

To the Editor:
I am writing about the pot problems -- the men, women, and their pit bulls in the Willits Valley area of Canyon and Eastside roads.
It's nothing to have to follow behind a pick-up truck with pot covered by a tarp and a pit bull in it. You can smell it.
These people go and sell to your kids, making big profits from it. These people are doing this right under our noses, and

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The Daily Journal welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must include a clear name, signature, return address and phone number. Letters chosen for publication are generally published in the order they are received, but shorter, concise letters are given preference. We publish most of the letters we receive, but we cannot guarantee publication. Names will not be withheld for any reason. If we are aware that you are connected to a local organization or are an elected official writing about the organization or body on which you serve, that will be included in your signature. If you want to make it clear you are not speaking for that organization, you should do so in your letter. All letters are subject to editing without notice. Editing is generally limited to removing statements that are potentially libelous or are not suitable for a family newspaper. Form letters that are clearly part of a write-in campaign will not be published. You may drop letters off at our office at 590 S. School St., or fax letters to 468-3544, mail to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, 95482 or e-mail them to udj@pacific.net. E-mail letters should also include hometown and a phone number.

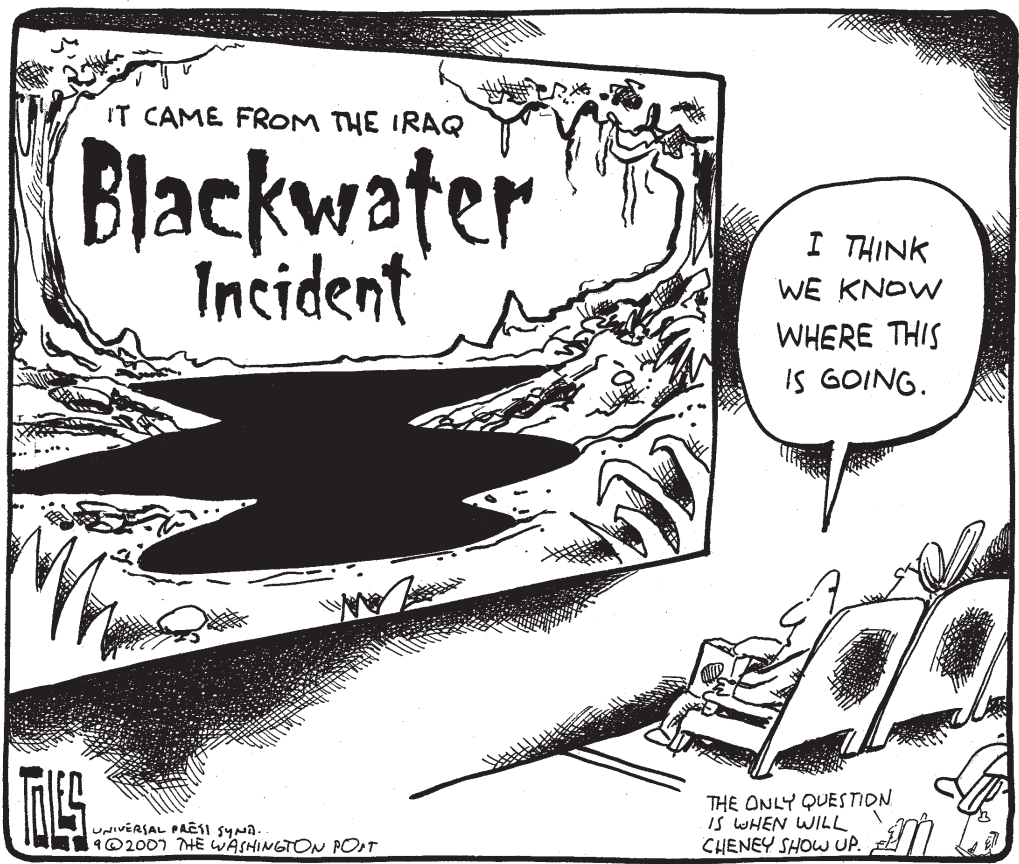
ON EDITORIALS

Daily Journal editorials are written by Editor K.C. Meadows with the concurrence of Publisher Kevin McConnell.

In our opinion
A step back

Today the Daily Journal looks back at a time when Ukiah was a growing and newly bustling town with a major employer providing good jobs, people moving to town, building new homes, raising families and filling out the Ukiah we know today.
As we look back at the Masonry era, we see in a lot of ways a typical rural American town, where farming and the seasonal employment it provided gave way to year-round factory jobs and the wealth those jobs created for middle class families.
We see an era when large companies were trusted entities, when a worker's loyalty and effort was valued and when suburban living was a new and exciting phenomenon. It brought new schools, more homes, big supermarkets, and plenty of business to go around.
It was a time when timber was king and when our railroads still ran up and down our North Coast spine providing raw materials and the goods we consumed.

That era, here and across America, is largely over. We pine for that simpler time in many ways, and yet we have learned hard lessons from it: you can't deplete your natural resources and expect to be economically viable; you can't depend on one large employer to meet your economic needs; more and bigger highways aren't always the best answer; agricultural lands are not to be carelessly disposed of.
Today in Ukiah many of the things we used to have - a small community, a railroad that worked, lots of usable farm land, good solid jobs, thriving forests, plenty of water are gone, used up or outmoded by our modern way of life.
Now a major symbol of that time half a century ago is under demolition. Today we look back on that era. Let it inject us with a sense of our past, a time that held its own spark and one that will always be part of the place called Ukiah.



How about a bike jump park?

It sounds good to me: the Edward Mann Bike Jump Park, sort of like the Alex Rorabaugh Community Center. (a wonderful addition to this community.) Just kidding--because I don't have the money. But as a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, I propose that we give kids (and adults) a safe, legitimate place to engage in bike jumping.
If you care about kids and bikes, a story in the paper about two years ago may have caught your attention. It was a sort of David and Goliath story with David losing. Some kids had used shovels to create jumps in a secluded area of Low Gap Park, where they could do it without getting caught. They had a place to practice their jumps and have a lot of fun. Some months later after much deliberation a county bulldozer wiped away the mounds in a few minutes. County officials cited liability and safety concerns. And all in all, the secluded site probably encouraged much mischief.
As far as the county goes, that appears to be the end of the story. As for the kids, they continue to do their jumps and tricks wherever they can.
Problem is there is no safe and legal place for these kids to do this (except for a few hours a week when they can race at the

Another voice
BY EDWARD MANN

Rusty Bowl). Kids tell me that they use construction sites or discarded stuff behind local stores to practice bicycle jumping. I still have a vivid image of a teen boy bicycle jumping on makeshift ramps in the vacant lot behind Carl's Jr. This young man was having a good time perfecting the ramps and his jumps, all perfectly healthy. The unsettling part is that he was trespassing and using rubbish (perhaps hazardous) to make his jumps. These kids love to use skate parks for jumping, but this can get them arrested. Skate parks (including the planned Ukiah one) prohibit bicycles. Some communities show more concern for these kids and freestyle BMX. After years of discussion, Santa Rosa has permitted an area of dirt jumps near their skatepark (in addition to not enforcing the no bikes rules at the skatepark). The city of Petaluma is planning an area of dirt jumps as is Pacifica.

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Assignment: Ukiah

By Tommy Wayne Kramer

My two cents worth

Change is good, unless it's in my pocket. I don't like a bunch of loose metal loading up my pockets every time I leave the Booze-Mart with a six-pack and some Nyquil.
I used to put change in that little tray on the dashboard of my car, but within a week or so all that's left are the pennies. When I realized the problem was the pennies, I began throwing them away, dropping them like litter as I strolled across the parking lots of Safeway or Raley's.
Until my 8-year-old son noticed, starting about 10 years ago. "DAAAaad!" he'd wail. "You can't throw money away!"
Maybe he thought poor people needed it. (This was before I had taken him around to see Plowshares and the Food Bank and the Social Services building and the Ukiah Community Center and Ford Street Project; how was he to know?) In reality poor people have no more interest in pennies than squirrels do.
So I re-thought my excess penny strategy. Now, and going back several years, all my pennies get tossed - not in random parking lots, but in my driveway. By now I'd estimate I have several thousand pennies lying in my 25-foot long driveway.
My son, at first mindful of the needs of those less fortunate, quickly realized dad's discarded pennies might one day benefit him. "In the event of a worldwide copper shortage we would own vast reserves out there in the drive," he mused.
This harmonious solution was short-lived, however. My son's uncle (also known as my brother, Petey Wayne of New York) scoffed that pennies are hardly composed of copper anymore. Instead, they are an amalgam of zinc and copper and other low-grade metals swept up off the floor at the Denver Mint. And, he said, they pose a potential environmental hazard, especially when combined with rainwater and the meth lab sludge from that operation I ran out of the garage last summer.
But maybe I can host an EPA Superfund Toxic Cleanup Site. I have friends who used to run Remco who can probably show me how to make some money off of this.

Thanks to all my friends (two so far; I think I need new friends) who have congratulated me on the Cleveland Indians having won the American League Central championship. It is a mixed blessing, getting into the playoffs.
The only benefit I know of is that complete strangers will buy me drinks at the bar when they see my Chief Wahoo cap. Everything else associated with post-season baseball is tinged with misery.
There's the stress, the anxiety and the early morning drinking. There's the constant fretting about the bullpen, the growing paranoia the umpires are corrupt, and the occasional between-inning vomiting.
And then there's my dog, who runs whenever he sees me and is now cowering out behind the backyard shed. (What's with dogs anyway? Why does mine only remember the bad times with the steel-toe boots, and not the fun times, like when I helped him corner that cat in the alley off Pine Street?)
So the playoffs loom. I'm a victim of my team's success and will pay dearly in lost sleep, morning calls from an insensitive boss, hand tremors, and divorce threats from what's-her-name.
I'm really more comfortable with the Indians I grew up with: the annual year-long struggle to achieve .500 (rarely accomplished), an end to the season in mid-September, and giddy thoughts in my 11-year old head that if we could just get some help up the middle and in the outfield and a couple pitchers we'll be right in the thick of it next year. And I could hardly wait for next year to start.
But now? This year's playoffs? I'd like to put 'em off awhile, or at least until I've got time to get into a rehab joint. I think maybe it's time for a new dog, too.
Tommy Wayne Kramer is a long-time Ukiah resident and has been a Cleveland Indians fan his entire life. The Tribe last won a World Series in 1948. If Cleveland wins this year he says he will donate his driveway to charity.

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SUNDAY VOICES

Who needs water gauges?

Last year's Grand Jury report concerning water in the Ukiah Valley made this finding: "Except for the City of Ukiah, accurate measurement and/or metering of water usage (industrial, agricultural, and residential) within most water districts [in the Ukiah Valley] varies widely. Currently, it is not possible to know exactly how much water is actually being used in the Ukiah/Potter Valley area because of the multiple systems of accountability in use, as well as a degree of undocumented use. The amount of water used by many water purveyors is known and available from those required to file a Statement of Use with State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB). Reporting has been haphazard, with no current consequence for non-compliance. The Russian River Flood Control District [which owns Mendo's 8,000 acre-foot allocation in Coyote Dam] is currently operating under a Cease and Desist Order from SWRCB over questions about water usage measurement. ... Projections of population growth and development within the County and specifically the Ukiah/Potter Valley area, indicate that continued availability of adequate water resources will be problematic."

Because this finding was in last year's report, the County's responses are now posted: "The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding," and "The Interim Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding." ... "While the ability of the BOS to influence water resources management decisions by individual water districts -- decisions pertaining to water district operations -- is limited, the BOS believes that existing State statutes, such as the Mendocino County Water Agency Formation Act, does in fact provide the BOS with sufficient authority to formulate and implement county-wide water resources management policy. ... The County has contracted with the University of California Cooperative Extension for an 'Agricultural Water Use Inventory' of the Mendocino County portion of the Russian River drainage, and is assisting the Mendocino County LAFCO with the preparation of 'Municipal Service Reviews' of the Ukiah Valley water districts. Together, the Agricultural Water Use Inventory and the information that will be produced as a part of the Municipal Service Reviews will provide the data needed to update the water supply projections for the greater Ukiah Valley and provide the technical foundation for subsequent water resources management investigations. ... Later this year the BOS will consider initiating a groundwater study of the greater Ukiah Valley -- a study that will provide baseline data needed as a part of the environmental impact studies for the Ukiah Valley Area Plan, the Coyote Valley Dam Feasibility Study, potential litigation involving Eel River diversions to the Russian River, and in support of technical arguments centered on the question of 'percolating groundwater' as opposed to 'underflow'."

None of this has been done. None of the Water Districts have submitted Municipal Services Reviews as directed by LAFCO. Therefore, there is no "technical foundation for subsequent water resources management investigations."

The Grand Jury also recommended that "the BOS establish a Water Resource Policy Council, composed of all water agencies/special districts and official water-related entities within the County and the Ukiah/Potter Valley area. The Council should explore interests and concerns in order to develop common long-range plans and strategies to address the issues of adequate guaranteed water

Sunday view

BY MARK SCARAMELLA

What about all those "will serve" letters that the water districts have issued over the years? "Traditionally they have been rubber-stamped," admits (County Water Agency Director Roland) Sanford. "The Districts make their own policies as to how they issue 'will serve' letters.

availability, usage, conservation and storage within the County."

Supervisors' Response: "The recommendation has not yet been implemented and requires further analysis by the County's Executive Office." The CEO's Response: "The recommendation has not yet been implemented and requires further analysis by the County's Executive Office, upon direction to do so by the Board of Supervisors." (I.e. Fingers pointed in both directions simultaneously.)

Then there's this Grand Jury recommendation, an important issue that we've talked about here before: "The BOS by ordinance or other appropriate authority [should] require all water purveyors, providers, agencies and special districts, as well as riparian rights users, to install meters and/or measuring devices to track water usage for local reporting."

The Supes and the CEO responded by referring the question to their Water Agency head who responded: "The recommendation requires further analysis over a three to six month time frame necessary to determine whether or not implementation is feasible and desirable. Key questions include the legal basis by which the County would require reporting of water usage data, and how water usage data would be compiled and made available to the public."

Well over a year has passed since that Water Agency response. As part of the state-imposed hookup moratorium, the state ordered the Russian River Flood Control District to identify all inputs and outputs and meter them. Most of the new users have been vineyards. Have they required meters on these new hookups? "It's unclear," said Water Agency manager Roland Sanford last week. "The County has no say in how water is used, or on water rights or appropriate permits." Sanford adds that the only thing the County can do is pursue an ordinance to require meters. And that hasn't happened either. "We have not and are not pursuing any such ordinance," admitted Sanford. "Of course, in this dry year this is not good for water management," said Sanford, stating the obvious. "It's embarrassing as a County when we cannot say

with much precision how much is being used in the Russian River drainage, or if water is being conserved. How can you know how much your conserving if you don't know how much you're using before conservation?" Sanford went on, "It's the same with development plans."

The County and its water districts have very little idea how much water is being used or for what the water is being used. The County can't know, then, how much water is available for new users, except for the state imposed drinking water standards. The state says drinking water should be adequate and potable. Mendocino County has enough water that is potable. For now. That's the extent of its water policy, and only because the State requires it.

What about all those "will serve" letters that the water districts have issued over the years? "Traditionally they have been rubber-stamped," admits Sanford. "The Districts make their own policies as to how they issue 'will serve' letters. The floor is what the State Department of Health Services issues for minimum drinking water standards. Until recently the Willow District had a self-imposed moratorium because on their own they determined they'd issue no more 'will serve' letters. It's a fair question to ask what technical evaluation there is to determine if they can serve any new user."

Sanford said that because of the interlocking water agreements in the Ukiah Valley and because water's a fluid subject to seasonal variations, some ambiguity is inherent in such estimates. "But I don't know of any technical evaluation that's done," said Sanford. "It's left up to districts. If the County wanted to mandate such evaluations, it would require a different ordinance. It would not be part of a meter ordinance."

Sanford says that the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) has authority to prohibit new customers based on municipal service reviews (MSRs). But districts have to do the paperwork for LAFCO. "It has become a stand-off," explained Sanford. "LAFCO gets stiffed and nobody can get the reviews done." Will LAFCO slap a moratorium on the water districts if they don't do the reviews?

The County's water management process is running uphill. There are very few gages, grossly inadequate usage and baseline data and everyone pointing fingers of blame at everyone else.

Nevertheless, the County continues on with its big plans to develop housing and malls with little technical basis. "The data is not there," said Sanford. "I agree. It's not a good situation, but that's the situation."

Why hasn't the County done an ordinance to require gages? "One, we don't have the staff or priority in this Agency," says Sanford, pointing out that lately he's been spending most of his time on the preliminary study on Supervisor John Pinches's Dos Rios Eel River Diversion Project Feasibility Study. "Then," adds Sanford, "it has to go through County Counsel, which is taking a very long time these days. County Counsel has other priorities. [Presumably also working on the Dos Rios Project and legal issues around medical marijuana dispensaries.] There's been no activity on the gages for at least six months -- nothing at all, really." Nor has there been any work on the question of how "will serve" letters are issued. "Things only get done in Mendocino County if there's a crisis or if somebody sues," said Sanford. "There has to be a crisis to get anything done -- sad but true."

Mark Scaramella is a Philo resident.

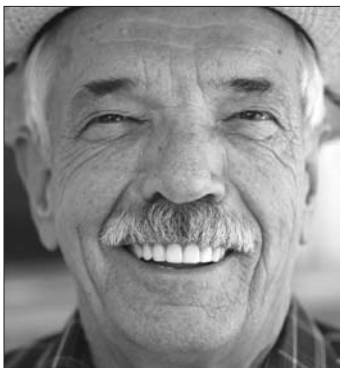
ON THE STREETS

What do you like most about living in Mendocino County?



Tristan Sharp
Solar electrician
Ukiah

"The climate and the geography. It seems like an ideal balance of hot summers and frosty winters."



Jimmy Rickel
TV producer
Ukiah

"I've been here since 1952. It's a small county and you can still get anything you want within two hours. And the pace is so much slower. I like that."



Barbara Loza
Casino worker
Ukiah

"The traffic, or the lack of it. People are nicer here. They're friendlier."



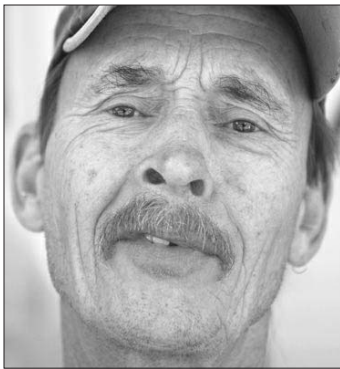
Ginger Masini
Clerical worker
Ukiah

"It's so beautiful. The weather is beautiful and the people are friendly. I like all of it."



Pat Whedon
Banker
Ukiah

"I came (back) here from Kansas for the seasons. I love the spring and the fall. I missed the trees, the mountains and the hills."



Doug Potter
Retired fireman
Ukiah

"Living in the woods. The lumber industry, the farming industry, fishing... The rural atmosphere."

Photos and interviews by MacLeod Pappidas.

The Rain of Error(s)

Continuing with the theme from last week about America's favorite outdoor pastime -- namely, golf -- it turns out that golf is not merely an opportunity to explore the simultaneous fashion possibilities of plaid, houndstooth, seersucker and bright non-primary colors. And in the legal arena, it is not strictly the province of lawsuits relating to golfers whose errant slices end up striking fellow golfers, either. There are actually a surprising number of other court decisions hinging on this subject.

For example, in 1967 a case came before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (so called, of course, to avoid confusion with the Supreme Geographical Court of Massachusetts, the Supreme Ornithological Court of Massachusetts, or the Supreme Piscatory Court of Massachusetts). The court had to resolve a dispute between a couple named John and Miriam Fenton and the Quabog Country Club. As explained by the court, in 1952 the Fentons, "not familiar with the details of the game of golf," bought a house surrounded on three sides by the Country Club near a green of the Club's golf course.

The Fentons bought their property from a family named Lussier, who had built the house and, according to the court, coexisted happily with the golf club (the organization, not the

Judicial follies

BY FRANK ZOTTER

stick), "a state of affairs no doubt enhanced by the fact that during their tenure Lussier and his family had sold soft drinks and sandwiches to golfers on the course." Well, that's America -- find the opportunity for profit and exploit it.

The court then explained that, "Into this posture, fraught with potential trouble which only a golfer could fully appreciate, came the plaintiffs, 'not familiar with the details of the game of golf.' Any deficiency in their knowledge was soon remedied as they immediately came under the assault of balls 'hit onto and over their property.'"

In a cryptic statement, the court added, "Except for a few isolated occasions, these balls were not intentionally directed" at the Fenton home. This naturally raises the question not addressed by the court's decision, "And just what were those 'few isolated occasions'?" When Mrs. Fenton sent the family dog chasing after the local duffers, perhaps?

The Fentons, evidently not given to impromptu soft drink and sandwich peddling, must have been pretty nerve-racked, too. Beginning in 1952, the average number of golf balls deposited on their property was 250. In 1960 it jumped precipitously to 320.

Over the years, 16 panes of glass in their house were broken, for only six of which they were paid. (This was apparently before the miracles of plexiglas or Lexan might have saved the Fentons some headaches.)

Things got worse in 1961 when the Club added a sand trap to one corner of the ninth green -- the one nearest the Fentons' house -- giving golfers approaching the ninth hole two choices, according to the court. "They might aim somewhat to the west and face the sand trap, or they might veer to the east and face the Fentons."

Apparently, most golfers chose to veer to the east, so that "continued unbridled hooking and slicing" brought a veritable rain of golf balls down upon the Fentons.

And this was apparently the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back -- or golf ball that broke the final window -- or something, because the Fentons proceeded to court and got an order that the Quabog Country Club, and its diligent members, had to cease the aerial

assault upon their property. They also wanted damages for the broken windows and the emotional distress caused by the barrage.

The trial court granted the order, and also awarded them almost \$3,000 in damages (\$38.50 for broken glass). The Supreme Judicial Court ultimately upheld this ruling, reasoning by analogy from a nuisance case involving a quarry. The trial court correctly relied, said the court, not on "exceptionally refined, uncommon, or luxurious habits of living [e.g., golf addiction] but according to the simple tastes and unaffected notions generally prevailing among plain people [nongolfers]. The standard is what ordinary people [again, those who eschew golf] acting reasonably, have a right to demand in the way of health and comfort."

Though the Supreme Judicial court ruled for the Fentons, however, it apparently ignored one thing. While the Fentons -- unlike their predecessors -- didn't make any money selling sandwiches and drinks to golfers, over the years Mr. Fenton periodically sold off the harvest of stray golf balls that accumulated on his property. Shouldn't the court have given the Country Club some kind of discount for that?

Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.

LOCAL
CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

Ukiah High boys soccer vs. Santa Rosa at 4 and 5:30p.m. in Santa Rosa.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

Mendocino volleyball vs. Alameda at 6:30p.m. at Mendocino gymnasium.

Ukiah High girls soccer vs. Rancho Catate at 4 and 5:30 at the Ukiah High stadium.

COMMUNITY
DIGEST

Basketball League
signups for youth

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department is beginning registration for the 2007/08 Youth Basketball league. The league is open to boys and girls from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration forms are now available at the Civic Center, 411 W. Clay Street, and at www.cityofukiah.com.

The registration fee is \$50 per first player, \$45 for the second player in the same family. Registrations are due by Friday, October 26, 2007. A \$15 late fee will be added after the deadline. There are Low-Income Discounts available. Absolutely NO registration will be accepted after 11/2/07. Practices will begin in November, after Thanksgiving. The Youth Basketball League games will run from January through March 2007. For this program to be successful enthusiastic volunteer coaches and team sponsors are needed. For more information, please call 463-6714.

Downtown K-town
3-on-3 tournament

On October 13, in Kelseyville, there will be a 3 on 3 tournament for all ages. The tournament will be held in downtown and run from 10 am to 6 pm. Registration will start at 8 am. It is \$60 for youth division and \$100 for adults. The tournament will be held on Sunday, October 14th. For more information contact www.downtownktown.com.

Ukiah Athletic
Boosters meeting

Become involved and join the Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters Club. All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to participate. This is a fun and long-standing community group which works hard to help local prep athletes obtain their uniforms and much needed equipment.

The next Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters meeting will be on Monday, October 8, at 5:30 p.m. on the Ukiah campus in the Career Center located in the Administration Building.

Ukiah Athletic
Boosters dinner

Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters fund raising dinner and auction will be held on Monday, October 15.

The community is invited to join us for our annual event at a "new" location in the Fine Arts building at the Ukiah Fair Grounds.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person. Tickets are presale only.

For reservations and purchase information contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 or Val Jackson at 468-9085.

SAL Boxing

Full hours for SAL boxing are Thursday 6:45 p.m. and Friday 5:00 p.m. The cost is only \$5 a year and classes are ongoing at the Redwood Health Club.

To join SAL Boxing athletes must fill out paperwork and have a parental signature for those under 18. The class is a mix of a levels and ages. Come for a good workout or to seriously study boxing.

DVC holds 6th annual
golf marathon

On Friday, October 5, Deep Valley Christian School will be hosting a 100 hole gold marathon.

Fund raising is critical to the life of a non-profit Christian school and volunteer help is greatly appreciated. This year's event will be at the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

The goal is for each golfer to play 100 holes of golf in one day. We would like to encourage moms and families to join the dads in this year's event. Some new items added for this year include; if a player raises at least \$100 their \$100 registration fee will be waived. If a parent plays with their child, who is under 16 years old, the child will play for free, and pastors and youth pastors play for free.

There will be a continental breakfast, lunch, tri-tip dinner, snacks, and golf balls provided. There will also be prizes for the longest drive, closest to pin, worst golfer, and much more.

The event starts at 7 a.m. with check-ins, and will run until around 7 p.m. when awards will be given.

All donations are accepted, it is possible to pledge by hole, or for a specific amount. Local businesses are also encouraged to donate, all donations are tax deductible.

HEY LOCAL
COACHES!

Don't forget to report scores to the Sports Desk at www.ukiah-dailyjournal.com or by e-mail at udjsports@pacific.net.

Scoreless second half dooms Ukiah

The Daily Journal

Ukiah High football opened its 2007 North Bay League season off with a frustrating loss to Santa Rosa.

This game was a much anticipated offensive showdown, but turned out to be a defensive struggle for both teams.

After a scoreless first quarter, Ukiah was able to strike first early in the second quarter. Ukiah's Casey Cupples intercepted a deflected Santa Rosa pass and returned 60-yards for a touchdown, to give Ukiah the early lead. Unfortunately the ensuing extra point was missed.

Santa Rosa responded with a touchdown of their own on a 1-yard run by quarterback Rylan Thew, and after a successful extra point, the Panthers took the lead 7-6.

Ukiah ended the second quarter strongly, scoring another touchdown, on a 10yard rube by Greg Miller with 17 seconds left on the clock.

Ukiah then went for the two

point conversion, but were unable to produce.

The second half proved to be a defensive struggle for both teams, and mistakes made on offense didn't help either team to get into the endzone.

The second half remained scoreless until Santa Rosa's runningback, Therman McGowan, broke away for a long run, setting up a 9-yard touchdown pass to give Santa Rosa the lead.

The Panthers then went for the two point conversion and were successful, to give them the 15-12 lead with just under two minutes to go, but Ukiah wasn't able to get anything going, making that the final score.

"Our defense played well all night, but offensively we struggled," said head coach Chris Burris.

Ukiah High school's next game will be a Homecoming game against Rancho Catate On Oct. 5. Junior varsity play at 5p.m., while varsity will play at 8p.m.



File Photo

Ukiah High's Greg Miller led the team in both rushing yards and receiving yards in its game against Santa Rosa on Friday.

Kings rule in London, beating Ducks 4-1 in NHL opener

By CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON — The NHL opened its season on the banks of the River Thames, and as far as the Los Angeles Kings were concerned, this was hockey country. "I love London," said Kings center Mike Cammalleri, who scored two power-play goals Saturday in a 4-1 victory over the defending champion Anaheim Ducks. "It was good to us tonight."

This was the fourth time the NHL has begun its season outside North America, with the other three in Japan (1997, 1998 and 2000). The two California teams will play the second game of their series Sunday.

"It felt like a North American hockey crowd," Cammalleri said. "There wasn't much difference — a couple of waves, like soccer, which was fun to watch."

The trip to the O2 Arena, however, was a little different from the usual drive along the congested freeways of Southern California.

"I don't remember taking a boat up a river to get to the game very often," said Kings defenseman Rob Blake, another goalscorer. "But that was our format tonight."

With the Union Jack hanging in the rafters nears the Stars and Stripes, the game at O2 Arena did not get off to the

smoothest start. After the U.S. and British national anthems, the lights failed to come on. The players skated around, but were told to go to the locker rooms. The lights slowly returned, and the players did as well after 10 minutes.

"I think we had a lot of time to look around right at the start when they were trying to get the lights back on," Kings coach Marc Crawford said. "I tried to soak it all in, all the different jerseys in the crowd."

Cammalleri gave the "home team" the lead by scoring with a one-timer from the slot at 8:35 of the first period, with the Kings on a two-man advantage. He added another at 1:10 of the third, tipping in a slap shot from Tom Preissing.

Blake, who played 12 seasons for the Kings before returning to the team last season, made it 2-0 at 10:15 of the second by tapping in a loose puck. Michal Handzus scored short-handed into an empty net at 19:34 of the third.

Bobby Ryan scored for the Ducks on a power play at 13:09 of the final period, knocking in a rebound to beat Kings rookie goaltender Jonathan Bernier. Bernier made 26 saves.

"I don't think you could've expected a better game from a 19-year-old goaltender,"

Crawford said. "There was a lot of pressure tonight, and he looked like a really solid, solid goaltender. Not very many pucks bounced off of him, and he made a couple of great saves."

The Kings killed a two-man power play early in the first period, then converted when they had the same advantage. With his teammates attacking the net, Cammalleri was left alone in the slot and his shot beat goalie Ilja Bryzgalov. Lubomir Visnovsky and Alexander Frolov got the assists.

Blake added the second goal midway through the second period.

On another power play, Anze Kopitar nearly scored for the Kings after a shot from Cammalleri went across the front of goal.

Bryzgalov then stopped a shot, but the puck slipped loose and got behind him. Blake, standing in front of goal, scooped it into the net. Preissing's slap shot from the point was tipped toward goal by Cammalleri, and the puck went in off the crossbar.

Many fans came hoping to see a fight, and they finally got one in the second period. After several minor scuffles, Kings defenseman Jack Johnson and Ducks center Rob Niedermayer went at it and drew matching roughing

penalties. Two smaller skirmishes came late in the third.

The Ducks, who won their first Stanley Cup last year, were playing without usual starting goaltender Jean-Sebastian Giguere, checking forward Samuel Pahlsson and defenseman Mathieu Schneider because of injuries.

Giguere, who had a sports hernia operation in the offseason, said he hoped to be ready to play when Ducks go to the United States for three road games — at Detroit on Wednesday, at Columbus on Friday and at Pittsburgh next Saturday.

If he doesn't make the road trip, he could play in the Ducks' home opener Oct. 10 against Boston.

Ducks coach Randy Carlyle hinted earlier this week he wasn't exactly thrilled with playing his first two games of the season in London.

"We made a decision last November, December to participate in this," Carlyle said after the game. "The players voted and the managers had their chance to say yea or nay and we're living by that decision."

The Kings warmed up for the series in London by winning both games in an exhibition tournament in Austria. They have almost a week off after Sunday's game before hosting St. Louis next

Saturday.

The NHL decided to open in Europe to increase its overseas market. The NFL is doing something similar, with the Miami Dolphins playing the New York Giants in a regular-season game Oct. 28 at rebuilt Wembley Stadium. In the NBA preseason, the Boston Celtics play the Minnesota Timberwolves Oct. 12, also at the O2.

Notes: This was the first NHL game in London since the New York Rangers and Toronto Maple Leafs played a preseason exhibition in 1993.

Kings owner Philip Anschutz owns O2 Arena.

The Kings were 4-4-2 against the Ducks last season.

The Stanley Cup was built by a London silversmith in the late 19th century.

COMMUNITY
DIGEST

PumpkinFest 3-on-3
Hoop Tourney

The tournament will be held at the downtown Ukiah Savings Bank parking lot at 200 N. School St. on Sunday, October 14th. The fee is \$20 per player (max of 5 per team). All teams must check in by 9am.

The divisions will be: Men's Open, High School Boys, High School Girls, 8th grade & under boys, 8th grade & under girls, 6th grade & under boys, and 6th grade & under girls. If there is enough interest, other divisions may be added. All teams will be scheduled for a minimum of 3 games.

There will be team and individual awards. Once signed onto a team, players may not change teams.

Please call (707) 463-6714 for questions or to register your team.

Space may fill prior to tourney date.

Ukiah Elks Lodge
Basketball Challenge

The Ukiah Elks Lodge wishes to challenge all basketball coaches in the Ukiah area to send boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 to Shoda Kai Gymnasium on November 18 at 9:30am for a free throw contest.

Yokayo Bowl needs
bowlers for leagues

Looking for a great fall/winter sport? Yokayo Bowl needs bowlers for several different leagues. Singles and teams for Monday Mixed 5's, Thursday Women's 5's, Friday Men's 5's and Senior's Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings. For more information call 462-8686.

Capoeira Yokayo

Capoeira Yokayo is a class that teaches the Brazilian dance and fighting style, where students will learn the movements, history and magic of the art.

Everybody is welcome, classes are on Monday and Wednesday 7-9p.m. and Fridays 6:30 to 8p.m.

Kids classes will also be held on Saturdays 11a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$8 per class, with the first class being free. Classes will be held at S.P.A.C.E., 145 E. Church St., in Ukiah.



File Photo

Kelvim Escobar put on a dominating performance against the A's to get his 18th win of the season.

Angels slugger Vladimir Guerrero sat out to rest sore triceps muscles on both arms, the left one hurting after getting hit by a pitch Friday. He also will probably sit out Sunday. Shortstop Orlando Cabrera, Garret Anderson, Maicer Izturis and Gary Matthews Jr. also were held out to rest nagging issues.

"Some guys who are nicked up we want to heal up," Scioscia said before the game.

Escobar (18-7) won his third straight decision and seventh in eight after having his last turn skipped

It was another strong performance by a Los Angeles starter after John Lackey helped shut out Oakland on Friday night.

The struggling right-hander twice was pushed back to give him a mental break and a chance to rest his inflamed shoulder, so Escobar hadn't pitched since Sept. 17 against

Tampa Bay.

He walked Kurt Suzuki and J.J. Furmaniak to start the fifth and received a visit from pitching coach Mike Butcher, then got out of the inning unscathed. Escobar allowed five hits and one run in six innings, struck out four and walked two.

Lenny DiNardo (8-10) pitched 4 2-3 innings of relief and picked up the loss, giving up two runs in the fourth inning as Los Angeles went ahead 3-1. DiNardo allowed five hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

Rivera's RBI single in the first put the Angels ahead, then Oakland tied it on Nick Swisher's two-out RBI single in the third.

Dallas Braden went only three innings and allowed a run on three hits, struck out three and walked one. It was the 14th major league start for the left-hander, who is 0-8 in 19 appearances and 13 starts since winning his first big league start April 24 at Baltimore.

Notes: Oakland's 8-17 mark in September is the club's worst record for the month since going 8-20 in 1985.

Escobar reached 1,500 career innings pitched.

Duke president apologizes to lacrosse players

By AARON BEARD
Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke University President Richard Brodhead apologized Saturday for not better supporting the men's lacrosse players falsely accused in last year's highly publicized rape scandal.

Brodhead, speaking at the university's law school, said he regretted Duke's "failure to reach out" in a "time of extraordinary peril" after a woman accused three players of raping her at a March 2006 party thrown by the team.

"Given the complexities of this case, getting the communication right would never have been easy," Brodhead said. "But the fact is that we did not get it right, causing the families to feel abandoned when they were most in need of support. This was a mistake. I take responsibility for it and I apologize for it."

Brodhead spoke at a school-sponsored forum on legal and ethical issues common to high-profile cases, and he received a standing ovation

following his speech. He left afterward and school officials said he would not be available for further comment.

As authorities began to investigate the allegations, Brodhead and the university initially suspended the highly ranked team from play.

He later canceled the remainder of its season and ousted longtime coach Mike Pressler. Meanwhile, Durham County prosecutor Mike Nifong labeled the team "hooligans" as he searched for suspects.

But even as Nifong won indictments against players Reade Seligmann, Collin Finnerty and Dave Evans, it became clear the allegations had no merit.

State prosecutors determined in April the accuser's story was a lie, and North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper called the three players innocent victims of Nifong's "tragic rush to accuse."

Nifong was disbarred in June for more than two dozen violations of the state bar's

rules of professional conduct, including withholding results of critical DNA tests, and resigned from office.

He spent one night in jail earlier this month after a judge held him in criminal contempt of court for lying to a court about having provided those test results to defense attorneys.

In the early days of the case, Brodhead was generally cautious in his comments, saying the players should be presumed innocent while also insisting the crimes alleged had no place at the elite private university.

Brodhead said Saturday he worried that making numerous public comments could be interpreted as an attempt by Duke to "influence the judicial process," especially since Nifong was insisting a crime had occurred.

That may have created an impression that Duke did not care about the accused students, Brodhead said, which he said was untrue but still something he regrets.

"Duke needed to be clear

that it demanded fair treatment for its students," he said. "I took that completely for granted. If anyone doubted it, then I should have been more explicit, especially as the evidence mounted that the prosecutor was not acting in accordance with the standards of his profession."

Brodhead also said the school could have done more to show that some members of Duke's faculty who were openly critical of the lacrosse team did not speak for the university as a whole.

Duke has reached private settlements with Pressler, now the coach at Division II Bryant in Rhode Island, as well as the three cleared players and a teammate who was not indicted but accused a professor of giving him a failing grade because he was a lacrosse player.

Brodhead said the university is planning a national conference of lawyers, educators and student affairs leaders to discuss how schools should deal with students facing serious criminal charges.

49ers' division title hopes to get tested by Seattle

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Holmgren's latest trip back to his hometown just won't be as much fun.

For the first time in the Seattle Seahawks coach's recent memory, he won't be able to spend a quiet minute with Bill Walsh, his mentor and friend. Instead, he'll lead his club against the San Francisco 49ers on Bill Walsh Field, renamed in memory of the Hall of Fame coach who died of leukemia on July 30.

"Just about every time we played there, Bill and I were able to spend some time together," said Holmgren, who coached under Walsh with the 49ers in the late 1980s.

"I was glad I was able to go to his memorial service and catch up with some of the old guys and his family," Holmgren said. "I always looked for him when I came out onto the field, and he would see me, and we would have a nice chat. So he'll be looking from a little different vantage point."

The Seahawks' annual trip to the Bay Area has other novel characteristics as well. Seattle has lost two straight to the 49ers, and San Francisco (2-1) has targeted Sunday's game as a chance to show the Seahawks (2-1) they're no longer in a subdivision of their own atop the NFC West.

The Niners already have division victories over Arizona and St. Louis this season, and a third would set a surprising new tone in a race that's been dominated by the Seahawks clubs led by Shaun Alexander, Matt Hasselbeck and Darrell Jackson — who's now catching passes for the 49ers after an offseason trade.

Jackson still has ample affection for everyone in



File Photo

Frank Gore had a combined 356 yards in San Francisco's two games against Seattle last season.

Seattle — well, except general manager Tim Ruskell, who engineered his departure after a contract dispute. Though Jackson portentously cut his long, unruly hair on Wednesday, he claims he'll treat his first meeting with the Seahawks just like another division game.

"It's going to be different to be against the Seahawks, but hopefully we can show Seattle that we're right there with them," said Jackson, who leads the 49ers with 11 catches for 166 yards. "(Holmgren), that's my guy. He taught me a lot. He drafted me and had the confidence in me to start me seven years. I was one of his little soldiers

there. That's always going to be my guy, regardless of bad-mouthing me, good-mouthing me, whatever they did."

His former teammates miss him as well, but not too much. When Seahawks linebacker Julian Peterson — a longtime 49ers defensive star — was asked what he'll tell Jackson, he joked, "Duck!"

The 49ers' two victories this season weren't exactly dominant, and last week's loss to Pittsburgh was discouraging. Coach Mike Nolan has focused his players on the good feelings they still remember from their two victories over Seattle last season.

He cited both wins as the best evidence yet that his

rebuilding project could yield real results.

"The fact that we're 2-1 tells us that we're getting closer all the time," Nolan said. "It's a huge game, I guess you could say, for both teams. Whatever it means this week is one thing, but down the road it's going to mean even more to one of us, maybe both."

Alex Smith had the most promising game of his career in the Seattle rain last December, throwing two TD passes and running 18 yards for another score in the fourth quarter.

Frank Gore also ran wild against the Seahawks, combining for 356 yards in last season's meetings — including a franchise-record 212 yards rushing in Seattle's last trip to Candlestick.

"They're going to be gunning for us, and whoever does win this game is going to have an early start on the division," Smith said. "It will kind of make a statement ... just like last year, I distinctly remember that game (in Seattle) standing out in my mind, especially the second half."

The 49ers claim they didn't have any extra insight on the Seahawks from Trent Dilfer, the longtime Seattle quarterback who defected to become Smith's backup last season. Jackson now wears 49ers red, and Scot McCloughan — the 49ers' top personnel executive — knows Seattle's roster intimately from his last job with the club, so the Seahawks are starting to wonder whether San Francisco knows something special.

"I get nervous about talking to (Dilfer) now," Hasselbeck said. "I feel like he's interviewing me, so to speak, like he's taking notes while we're on the phone, so I try not to talk to him."

Colorado uses 20-point comeback to stun Oklahoma

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Just as Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops predicted, the third-ranked Sooners couldn't run it up on Colorado. In fact, the Sooners couldn't even beat the Buffaloes.

Kevin Eberhart kicked a career-long 45-yard field goal as time expired to send Colorado past the stunned Sooners 27-24 Saturday.

It was the Buffaloes' first win over a top-five team since Dec. 1, 2001, when they bested Texas in the Big 12 title game.

After Eberhart's kick cleared the crossbar, the fans stormed the field as the dejected Sooners, who had blown a 24-7 second-half lead, walked off, their hopes of a national championship having taken a major hit.

The Sooners (4-1, 0-1) came in averaging a whopping 61.5 points to lead the nation. But behind a tough defense, the Buffs (3-2, 1-0) earned

their biggest win under Dan Hawkins, who went 2-10 in his inaugural season last year.

The Buffaloes trailed 24-7 after Allen Patrick scored from 17 yards out following safety D.J. Wolfe's second interception of Buffs quarterback Cody Hawkins. His first one led to Juakin Iglesias' 13-yard TD catch in the first half.

But Oklahoma, which had scored 50-plus points in each of their first four games, was stifled after that, and Colorado outgained the Sooners 219 yards to only 46 in the second half.

Colorado began its comeback with Eberhart's 41-yarder to make it 24-10 in the third quarter.

After Ryan Walters picked off Sam Bradford, Hawkins hit Tyson DeVree for the score on fourth-and-goal from the 4, pulling Colorado to 24-17 on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Bradford, who was the second rated passer in the nation

entering the game, finished 8-for-19 for 112 yards with two interceptions and was outplayed Hawkins, the Colorado coach's son.

The redshirt freshman was 22-for-36 for 219 yards and two touchdowns.

The Sooners gave the Buffs a huge assist in their comeback when Reggie Smith muffed a fair catch and Colorado's Justin Drescher recovered at the OU 16.

Four plays later, Colorado tied it on Hawkins' 15-yard touchdown strike to Dusty Sprague with 4:05 remaining.

The Buffs forced another punt and Chase McBride's 33-yard return set up Colorado at midfield.

Hawkins drove the Buffs to the 27, where Eberhart made the game-winner to give Colorado its biggest upset in years.

Oklahoma led 17-7 at halftime after managing just one long scoring drive, a three-play, 80-yarder that ended with Patrick's 34-yard TD run.

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Legislature was Earth friendly in 2007

By the time the Legislature had adjourned for 2007, the Senate and Assembly had approved close to 1,000 bills, sending them to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his signature or veto (he has until mid-October to decide).

The nation often looks to California for leadership on environmental issues, and I am proud to say that there was no shortage of meaningful environmental legislation this year.

One, SB 488 (a land preservation bill by Senator Carole Migden, D -- San Francisco), has already been signed into law. SB 488 authorizes the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to exchange up to 40 acres of district-owned property for other land to be used for park land or open space. A related measure, AB 1063 by Assemblywoman Noreen Evans (D -- Santa Rosa), would eliminate a statutory obstacle to also help the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District protect land in Sonoma County.

I personally introduced several significant environmental bills this year, a couple of

Another voice

BY SEN. PAT WIGGINS

which made it to the Governor's desk:

SB 701, which would reinstate the previously-expired California Forest Legacy Program, designed to protect forest land, including working forests, from conversion to other purposes;

SB 735, requiring the state Department of Transportation, or CalTrans, to track the use of recycled aggregate materials (my long-term goal is to divert more re-usable materials away from landfills and into road construction and repair projects).

Another of my bills that I consider very important, SB 562, did not pass out of the Legislature before we adjourned on Sept. 12. I am glad to say that SB 562, which focuses on salmon restoration funding, is still alive, and I plan to pursue the legislation again in 2008.

Senate Democrats introduced a number of bills designed to curb greenhouse

gases and respond to climate change. Among the bills which passed both houses of the Legislature and were thus sent to the Governor's desk were SB 210, SB 660, and SB 1036.

SB 210, by Senator Christine Kehoe (D -- San Diego), establishes a low-carbon fuel standard, and requires the Air Resources Board to develop and administer a program to reduce the carbon content from transportation fuels refined and sold in California by 10 percent by 2020.

SB 660, by Senator Don Perata (D -- Oakland), establishes the California Office of Climate Change Research and Assessment in the Resources Agency to centralize all efforts assessing the effects of climate change and to set research priorities for climate-related activities.

SB 1036, also by Senator Perata, authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission to allow investor-owned utilities to recover costs

Voice

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The City of San Jose recently opened a dirt jump park after going through the bulldozing scenario a few years ago. A Google search reveals how popular and how universal bike jumping has become. Check out FUEL-TV, a new channel devoted to "extreme" sports and highlighting BMX freestyle action.

Local officials apparently believe that participation in dirt jumping would require liability insurance if officials designated a local spot. However, California law does not really justify extreme caution about permitting bike jumping on public property. Government Code 831.7 is very specific: "(a) Neither a public entity nor a public employee is liable. . ." The section goes on to specify activities for which the government is not liable, among other high risk activities, bicycle racing or jumping. (www.leginfo.ca.gov.) All sorts of high risk activities take place on public property. Does the City intend to require liability insurance for kids to use the proposed skatepark?

What surprises me is the lack of community concern for these kids and their sport. A group of skatepark supporters has organized and worked for years to get a skate park with some success. Where are the folks who care about the bike kids? What would it take to create a dirt jump park? A plan, a couple of acres of vacant, accessible land, some chain link fence, some signs, and a bulldozer. And a few thousand dollars. But we would have to get organized.

Some of us believe that the most important kids in a community are the kids that don't fit the mold, who are not 4.0 students or stars of high school athletics, the ones who can't sit still and don't like school. The thrills and challenges of BMX and bike jumping seem magnetic for these young men.

Building a tough, mechanically excellent bike and

achieving ever higher jumps may be the best thing going for a young man who does not have other successes. It beats having kids get their thrills from delinquent behavior or gang activity.

These kids need a safe, accessible place for dirt jumping. Making sure that kids get what they need is an essential role of government at all levels. Personally, after thirty years as a child welfare worker and as a former foster parent, I am troubled when I see government failing in this responsibility. Then it is time for concerned citizens to get together and work with government. A few concerned citizens working with the city and county could make it happen -- a bike jump park in Ukiah. I invite you to contact me at slideroad@gmail.com.

Edward Mann is a Ukiah resident.

Letters

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it's illegal.

Where are the CAMP people? The Sheriffs? Annemarie and myself voted for Mr. Johnny Pinches and Meredith Lintott.

Please, please, consider checking on these lowlifes out here in Willits Valley, especially the ones with rural, forested properties.

Thank you for letting me sound off, I'm very fed up. This used to be a beautiful, peaceful part of Willits. Please send help out here.

Albert Lerden
Willits

Why no pets ?

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I am a little confused. It seems everywhere you look, people are promoting dogs, they say dogs are good for everything from companionship to keeping people healthy. So why is it so difficult to find a home (rental) when you have dogs? My husband myself and our 80-year-old grandma have been searching for a larger home for three months now, and every one wants to rent to us, but then they find out we have dogs and it's a no go. People have taken this beautiful living soul (my dog) and made it downright criminal. Yes, people have tried to make me a lesser person just because I have dogs. Do people get turned down for a home because they have children? No. So why turn me down for a home, because

of my dog my child! No Pets! This should be against the law. Talk about discrimination.

Melissa Crawford
Redwood Valley

'No' on Dos Rios

To the Editor:

I am Ron Lippert. I do vote. I do reside in the county of Mendocino. I do own/steward land on both sides of the Eel River. I do oppose the Dos Rios/Eel River Water Project.

The Eel River is a wild and scenic river with federal protection. The river has unusual large volumes of water in the winter and is so slow in the summer even I am able to go swimming.

It is apparent to all this river has suffered the loss of the protection of most of the trees that protected its banks. It has been logged and has had the rocks removed from it by various entities, allowed and otherwise.

The salmon must be able to make a comeback as they belong there in the Eel River. The time to stop destroying the Earth is now.

I am willing to do what it takes to stop the project. We must restore, protect and preserve in order for there to be a future.

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Ron Lippert
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6 die from brain-eating amoeba in warm lake waters

Health officials tracking cases

By CHRIS KAHN
The Associated Press

PHOENIX -- It sounds like science fiction but it's true: A killer amoeba living in lakes enters the body through the nose and attacks the brain where it feeds until you die.

Even though encounters with the microscopic bug are extraordinarily rare, it's killed six boys and young men this year. The spike in cases has health officials concerned, and they are predicting more cases in the future.

"This is definitely something we need to track," said Michael Beach, a specialist in recreational waterborne illnesses for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This is a heat-loving amoeba. As water temperatures go up, it does better," Beach said. "In future decades, as temperatures rise, we'd expect to see more cases."

According to the CDC, the amoeba called *Naegleria fowleri* (nuh-GLEER-ee-uh FOWL'-erh-eye) killed 23 people in the United States, from 1995 to 2004. This year health officials noticed a spike with six cases -- three in Florida, two in Texas and one in Arizona. The CDC knows of only several hundred cases worldwide since its discovery in Australia in the 1960s.

In Arizona, David Evans said nobody knew his son, Aaron, was infected with the amoeba until after the 14-year-old died on Sept. 17. At first, the teen seemed to be suffering from nothing more than a headache.

"We didn't know," Evans said. "And here I am: I come home and I'm burying him."

After doing more tests, doctors said Aaron probably picked up the amoeba a week before while swimming in the balmy shallows of Lake Havasu, a popular man-made lake on the Colorado River between Arizona and California.

Though infections tend to be found in southern states, *Naegleria* lives almost everywhere in lakes, hot springs, even dirty swimming pools, grazing off algae and bacteria in the sediment.

Beach said people become infected when they wade through shallow water and stir up the bottom. If someone allows water to shoot up the nose -- say, by doing a somersault in chest-deep water -- the amoeba can latch onto the olfactory nerve.

The amoeba destroys tissue as it makes its way up into the brain, where it continues the damage, "basically feeding on the brain cells," Beach said.

People who are infected tend to complain of a stiff neck, headaches and fevers. In the later stages, they'll show signs of brain damage such as hallucinations and behavioral changes, he said.

Once infected, most people have little chance of survival. Some drugs have stopped the amoeba in lab experiments, but people who have been attacked rarely survive, Beach said.

"Usually, from initial exposure it's fatal within two weeks," he said.

Researchers still have much to learn about *Naegleria*. They don't know why, for example, children are more likely to be infected, and boys are more often victims than girls.

"Boys tend to have more boisterous activities (in water), but we're not clear," Beach said.

In central Florida, authorities started an amoeba phone hot line advising people to avoid warm, standing water and areas with algae blooms. Texas health officials also have issued warnings.

People "seem to think that everything can be made safe, including any river, any creek, but that's just not the case," said Doug McBride, a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Officials in the town of Lake Havasu City are discussing whether to take action. "Some folks think we should be putting up signs. Some people think we should close the lake," city spokesman Charlie Cassens said.

Beach cautioned that people shouldn't panic about the dangers of the brain-eating bug. Cases are still extremely rare considering the number of people swimming in lakes. The easiest way to prevent infection, Beach said, is to use nose clips when swimming or diving in fresh water.

"You'd have to have water going way up in your nose to begin with" to be infected, he said.

David Evans has tried to learn as much as possible about the amoeba over the past month. But it still doesn't make much sense to him. His family had gone to Lake Havasu countless times. Have people always been in danger? Did city officials know about the amoeba? Can they do anything to kill them off?

Evans lives within eyesight of the lake. Temperatures hover in the triple digits all summer, and like almost everyone else in this desert region, the Evanses look to the lake to cool off.

It was on David Evans' birthday Sept. 8 that he brought Aaron, his other two children, and his parents to Lake Havasu. They ate sandwiches and spent a few hours splashing around.

"For a week, everything was fine," Evans said.

Then Aaron got the headache that wouldn't go away. At the hospital, doctors first suspected meningitis. Aaron was rushed to another hospital in Las Vegas.

"He asked me at one time, 'Can I die from this?'" David Evans said. "We said, 'No, no.'"

On Sept. 17, Aaron stopped breathing as his father held him in his arms.

"He was brain dead," Evans said. Only later did doctors and the CDC determine that the boy had been infected with *Naegleria*.

"My kids won't ever swim on Lake Havasu again," he said.

On the Net: More on the N. fowleri amoeba: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/naegleria/factsht-naegleria.htmwha t

Calif. congressman puts in bill to shoot down wolf control



By MARY PEMBERTON
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A California lawmaker presented a bill Tuesday designed to put an end to Alaska's aerial wolf control program under which hundreds of wolves have been killed.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., introduced the House bill in the Committee on Natural Resources. He was joined by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., and Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash.

Miller said the Protect

America's Wildlife Act, or PAW Act, would close a loophole in federal law that Alaska has exploited to permit hunters to shoot and kill nearly 700 wolves from aircraft in the past several years.

"It's time to ground Alaska's illegal and inhumane air assault on wolves," Miller said in a news release. "The state of Alaska has been operating an airborne hunting program that not only ignores federal law but violates Alaskans' and other Americans' wishes."

Miller, former chairman of the Natural Resources committee, said Alaska's wolf control program is illegal because it violates the Airborne Hunting Act, passed by Congress in 1972 to prohibit shooting or harassing animals from aircraft.

Alaska has gotten around the law by licensing people to shoot wolves under the guise of wildlife management and predator control, the California Democrat said.

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on trip to asteroid belt

Mars rover reaches 1st destination, Victoria Crater

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- NASA took aim at the heart of the asteroid belt Thursday, launching a spacecraft on a nearly decade-long journey that will include two never-before-attempted close encounters.

The scientific probe Dawn is on a 3 billion-mile course that will have it meeting up with an asteroid named Vesta in 2011 and a dwarf planet called Ceres in 2015. They are the biggest members of the crowded asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and scientists hope that by studying them up close, some of the secrets of the early solar system will be revealed.

Dawn's sunrise liftoff was especially emotional for Christopher Russell, the mission's lead scientist from the University of California at Los Angeles. He waited 15 years to see Dawn rise, and during that time endured two funding-related project cancellations and two years of postponements.

Russell monitored everything from inside Launch Control and was half-expecting yet another delay. His wife, watching from outside, cried.

"This was an intense relief," Russell said, adding that he was "very, very happy at what happened today." He considered it vindicating, given all he'd been through.

Dawn's mission is the world's first attempt to journey to a celestial body and orbit it, then travel to another and circle it as well. Ion-propulsion engines, once confined to science fiction, are making it possible.

"To me, this feels like the first real interplanetary spaceship," said Marc Rayman, chief engineer. "This is the first time we've really had the capability to go someplace, stop, take a detailed look, spend our time there and then leave."

Scientists chose Vesta and Ceres not only because of their size but because they are so different from one another.

Asteroid Vesta, about the length of Arizona with a huge crater at its south pole, is dry and rocky and appears



to have a surface of frozen lava. It's where many of the meteorites found on Earth came from. Texas-sized Ceres, upgraded from asteroid to dwarf planet just last year, is nearly spherical, icy and may have frost-covered poles. Both formed around the same time some 4 1/2 billion years ago.

Spacecraft have flown by asteroids before -- albeit much smaller -- and even orbited and landed on them, and more asteroid missions are on the horizon. But none has attempted to orbit two on the same mission

"I think many people think of asteroids as kind of little chips of rock. But the places that Dawn is going to really are more like worlds," said Rayman, who is based at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Dawn has cameras, an infrared spectrometer and a gamma ray and neutron detector to probe the surfaces of Vesta and Ceres from orbit. It also has solar wings to generate power as it ventures farther from the sun.

Most importantly, Dawn has three ion engines that will provide a gentle yet increasingly accelerating thrust. Electrons will bombard Dawn's modest supply of xenon gas, and the resulting ions will shoot out into space, nudging the spacecraft along.

Even "Star Wars" had only twin ion engines with its T.I.E. Fighters, Rayman noted earlier in the week. "Dawn does the 'Star Wars' T.I.E. Fighters one better," he said.

The mission costs \$357 million, excluding the undisclosed price of the rocket.

On the Net: Jet Propulsion Laboratory: <http://dawn.jpl.nasa.gov/>

By **ALICIA CHANG**
AP Science Writer
LOS ANGELES -- NASA's rover Opportunity has reached its first stop inside a huge Martian crater and was poised Thursday to carry out the first science experiments.

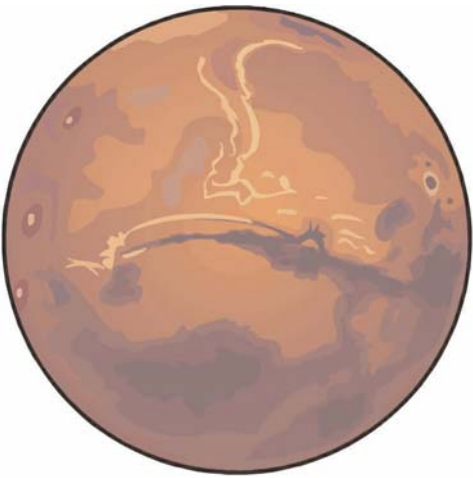
Ground controllers planned to send commands late in the day to the six-wheel robot to examine bright rock layers arranged like a bathtub ring within Victoria Crater. Results on how the rover fared are expected Friday, said John Callas, the rover project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Mission managers initially wanted to delay the science operations because of a power outage at one of the international network of antennas that communicates with interplanetary spacecraft. But they changed their minds after they secured another antenna.

Opportunity rolled to the crater lip last month and began a calculated descent down the inner wall toward a shiny band of bedrock that scientists believe may be part of an ancient Martian surface. After a series of three drives, the rover parked itself 40 feet below the rim at a 25-degree tilt -- the steepest angle it has encountered since landing on the planet.

Opportunity's first task will be to use the tools on its robotic arm to touch and drill into the rock slab. Mission scientists expect it to stay in place for at least a week before scaling farther down the crater to sample other rocks.

"We're going to take our time collecting the data," principal investigator Steve Squyres of Cornell University said in an e-mail. "We



invested way too much effort in getting here to blow it by being hasty."

Opportunity and its twin Spirit have outlasted their original, three-month mission since parachuting to opposite sides of Mars in 2004. The solar-powered rovers recently survived a raging dust storm that forced them to go into sleep mode to conserve energy.

Spirit is currently exploring a plateau called Home Plate for evidence of volcanism. Though Martian winter is still seven months away, mission managers have started looking for a safe spot for Spirit to retreat to.

On the Net: Mars rovers: <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

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Wolves

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Miller said his bill would require that Alaska officials prove they are responding to "legitimate biological and other emergencies" to conduct airborne hunting.

"The PAW Act will help to protect our nation's wildlife from the unethical and unfair practice of airborne hunting," he said.

The bill does not alter existing exceptions for the use of aircraft for animal control where land, livestock, water, pets, crops or human health and safety are at risk, Miller said.

Denby Lloyd, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, said he hadn't yet had a chance to read Miller's bill but said his characterization of Alaska's predator control program as illegal was "unfortunate."

"The assertion in the press release is unfortunate," he said. "Our program right now is not a hunting program. It is a predator control program."

Lloyd said the program, unlike what many people think, does not allow just anybody to hop in an airplane and begin shooting at wolves. The program is based on scientific principles to do specific things in certain areas, he said.

Alaska's Board of Game approved the aerial wolf control program to boost moose and caribou numbers in several areas of Alaska. The program was begun in the McGrath area in the Interior and has since been expanded

to five areas of the state.

Proponents have said culling wolves and bears in those areas is needed so that rural residents can put food on their tables. Critics say the program lacks a proper scientific foundation.

Miller's bill would restore the wishes of Alaskans who in 1996 and 2000 voted in favor of two ballot measures that banned airborne hunting, said Puja Patel, a Miller spokeswoman.

"I think most people in Alaska are supportive of this," she said.

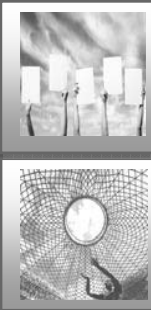
Not Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska. He denounced Miller's bill, saying it was written by the Defenders of Wildlife in a grand fundraising scheme that would trade dollars for the food that rural Alaskans rely on for survival.

"The ads and information that the groups behind this bill are pushing are dangerously misleading and absurdly incorrect," Young said. "Those who have never had to hunt to maintain their survival are significantly crossing the boundaries when they try to dictate to those that do."

Tom Banks, Alaska representative for Defenders of Wildlife, said the conservation group with over 540,000 members -- about 5,000 of them in Alaska -- was proud to be part of the bill.

"We think this is a victory for Alaska if this passes," he said.

The Department of Fish and Game estimates there are 7,000 to 11,000 wolves in Alaska. Wildlife biologists say that population can sustain an annual harvest of 30 percent to 40 percent.



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MONDAY

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Partly sunny

TUESDAY

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Oct. 10

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Oct. 25

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Temperature

High 71

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Precipitation

24 hrs to 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"

Month to date 0.06"

Normal month to date 0.64"

Season to date 0.18"

Last season to date 0.00"

Normal season to date 0.83"

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Arroyo Grande	75/50/s	72/43/pc	Oakland	69/52/pc	69/52/pc
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Burbank	83/57/s	82/56/s	Potter Valley	72/47/pc	72/44/pc
California City	83/55/s	80/50/s	Redding	73/51/pc	76/49/pc
Carpinteria	69/56/s	67/51/pc	Riverside	88/53/s	83/52/s
Catalina	67/59/s	68/56/pc	Sacramento	74/52/pc	77/51/s
Chico	76/53/pc	77/50/pc	Salinas	72/52/s	71/48/s
Crescent City	58/49/r	59/50/pc	San Bernardino	88/55/s	83/53/s
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Encinitas	78/59/s	74/57/pc	San Francisco	72/56/pc	69/53/pc
Escondido	84/57/s	80/55/pc	San Jose	75/55/pc	73/52/s
Eureka	60/48/r	60/46/pc	San Luis Obispo	75/49/s	74/48/pc
Fort Bragg	62/51/pc	63/47/pc	San Rafael	68/54/pc	66/46/pc
Fresno	82/54/s	77/53/s	Santa Ana	80/61/s	73/61/pc
Gilroy	75/51/s	74/47/s	Santa Barbara	70/51/s	75/49/pc
Indio	94/63/s	96/63/s	Santa Cruz	71/52/s	71/50/pc
Irvine	80/61/s	73/61/pc	Santa Monica	75/59/s	73/59/pc
Hollywood	82/59/s	78/58/pc	Santa Rosa	72/52/pc	78/50/pc
Lake Arrowhead	78/46/s	74/38/s	S. Lake Tahoe	64/36/pc	52/29/s
Lodi	79/52/pc	78/48/s	Stockton	77/52/pc	75/47/s
Lompoc	72/51/s	70/55/pc	Tahoe Valley	64/36/pc	52/29/pc
Long Beach	82/59/s	78/59/pc	Torrance	81/60/s	76/61/pc
Los Angeles	81/60/s	79/60/pc	Vacaville	76/51/pc	78/50/s
Mammoth	63/36/s	57/28/s	Vallejo	67/54/pc	68/44/pc
Marysville	78/52/pc	77/48/s	Van Nuys	87/56/s	83/55/s
Modesto	80/53/pc	77/50/s	Visalia	83/50/s	80/49/s
Monrovia	84/58/s	79/57/s	Willits	69/46/pc	69/42/pc
Monterey	68/52/s	67/49/pc	Yosemite Valley	79/42/s	74/40/s
Morro Bay	68/53/s	67/50/pc	Yreka	66/41/r	65/35/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 721.45 feet; Storage: 43,474 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 105 cfs Outflow: 247 cfs
Air quality – n/a

Water

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She said the city intends to encourage its water users to practice water conservation year-round. The conservation was originally expected to end with the beginning of the rainy season.

McPhaul said the city has been reducing water use in its own facilities, including reducing water used for irrigation in all city parks.

It is also tracking clients in the city who are using the most water, McPhaul said.

“They’re getting phone calls and personal visits,” she said.

The city is providing signs

for people’s lawns that contain tips for water conservation as well as explanations of why a sign owner’s lawn is brown.

McPhaul said the city’s hotline has also been working, and that several people have called in to report those they see overusing water.

The SCWA has been making water conservation efforts since April when it announced that the water-level in Lake Mendocino could drop as low as 8,000 acre-feet by the end of the summer.

Water levels in Lake Mendocino have gotten so low that the Army Corps of Engineers has closed both the north and south boat ramps because it is too dangerous to put boats in the water.

Lake Mendocino has a total storage capacity of 122,500 acre-feet. As of Friday, the lake level was at 43,616 acre-feet.

The low lake levels have been blamed on low winter rainfall and a reduction in the flow of water through the Potter Valley Project into Lake Mendocino.

Additional information about water conservation is available at the city of Ukiah’s Web site at www.cityofukiah.com. To report broken sprinklers or poor irrigation practices, call the city water conservation hotline at 463-6297.

Ben Brown can be reached at udjbb@pacific.net.

Raise

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in a 3-2 vote with 1st District Supervisor Michael Delbar and 2nd District Supervisor Jim Wattenburger dissenting, the board approved a new compensation ordinance which raised the board’s salary from \$48,000 to \$68,000.

Because Mendocino County is what is known as a general law county, and not a charter county, the last initiative, which was submitted Aug. 30, was rescinded because it was deemed unconstitutional because voters in general law counties are not allowed to set pay for supervi-

sors.

Group member Candice Louise Graff found this out after receiving a letter from Sacramento attorney Mark A. Wasser dated Sept. 6 stating that “we plan to file a lawsuit to relieve (County Counsel Jeanine Nadel) of the obligation to prepare the ballot title and summary.”

“We’re learning this as we go,” she said. “No one has ever done anything like this in this county before.”

After a heated debate at Tuesday’s board meeting, the board narrowly approved a referral to the county CEO to create a nine-member advisory committee in regard to the board’s recent self-imposed pay raise.

The motion was made by

3rd District Supervisor John Pinches, was seconded by 4th District Supervisor Kendall Smith and was carried by a vote of 3 -2, with Supervisors Delbar and Wattenburger dissenting.

“Now I have to pay another \$200 again to (Assessor/County Clerk/Recorder) Marsha Wharff out of my own pocket and resubmit,” said group member John Graff, Candice’s husband.

By law for an initiative to be considered for the ballot, 3,282 signatures must be collected and submitted.

For more information about the group, the Graffs can be contacted at home at 468-1445.

Rob Burgess can be contacted at udjrb@pacific.net.

Levittown, NY, prototype development for the baby boom generation, turns 60

LEVITTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — In 1951, 7-year-old Louise Cassano couldn’t imagine a better life than the one here, where she rode her bicycle past rows of cookie-cutter houses, kids held backyard campouts in makeshift tents and nobody locked their front doors.

“It was an absolute ideal community,” said Cassano, whose love affair with Levittown never waned — she still lives in the Long Island town dubbed by some as America’s first suburb.

Cassano is among the organizers of a huge 60th birthday party for the Nassau County town, set for Sunday and featuring high school bands, floats, local groups, war veterans and the fire department. Nearly two dozen original Levittown homeowners will serve as grand marshals.

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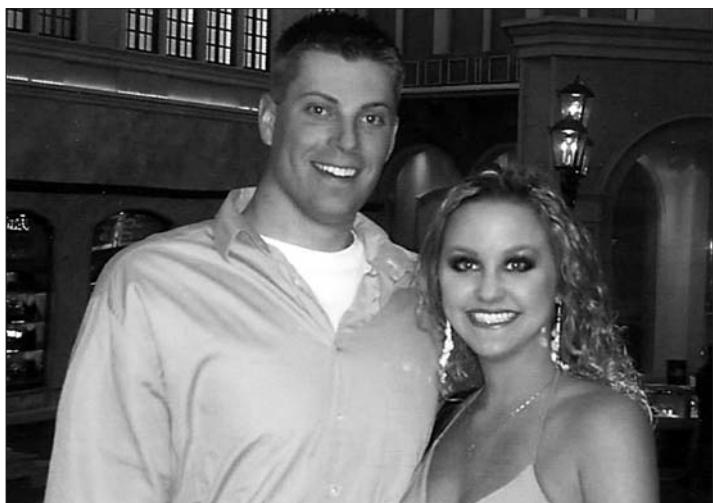


Joshua Steven Husarek and Rachael Dawn Jojola
Husarek-Jojola

Joshua Steven Husarek and Rachael Dawn Jojola exchanged vows on Saturday, Sept. 22, in Rockport Beach at sunset.

The bride graduated from Lower Lake High, and is employed at Mendocino Forest Products.

The groom graduated from Anderson Valley High School. They reside in Willits.



Daniel Gunter and Allison Woll

Woll-Gunter

Allison Woll and Daniel Gunter announce their engagement to marry in July of 2008, at the Foxtail Golf Club in Sonoma County.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Leslee Woll, of Redwood Valley. She graduated from Ukiah High School in 2001, and later from San Francisco State University, where she

received a bachelor of science degree in nursing with cum laude honors, and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing. She is currently working as a registered nurse at Petaluma Valley Hospital on the medical-surgical unit.

The groom-to-be graduated from Analy High School in 2000. He later earned a bachelor of arts degree in cinema, with an emphasis in animation, with cum laude honors from San Francisco State University. He is currently employed by TimeLapse Mobile, in Novato, as the Production manager while pursuing a career in computer animation.

The couple plan to reside in Rohnert Park after their marriage.



Monika Young and Tad Mehringer

Young-Mehringer

Monika Young and Tad Mehringer were married on July 20, 2007, overlooking the Ukiah valley at the Mendocino Hill Event Center. The 6 p.m. ceremony was performed by the groom's father, with the bridal party consisting of close friends and family of the bride and groom.

The newlyweds departed from a moonlit sit down dinner and dance reception to stay at the Hopland Inn bridal suite until the following day, when they flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Mary Ellen Young of Ukiah, and is a 2002 graduate of Ukiah High School, where she played varsity and Puma soccer.

The couple graduated from The Masters College, Santa Clarita California in May, the groom in business/communications and the bride in biblical studies, and are currently working and living in Valencia.

NEW ARRIVALS

Guerrero

A baby daughter, Samantha Susana Guerrero, was born on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, to Melissa Alvaréz and Alejandro Alvaréz of Ukiah.

She weighed 6 pounds 8.5 ounces.

She is also welcomed by older brothers Cesar Guerrero and Jesus Guerrero.

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Local is in final round of Comedy Central open mic competition

Boonville local, Mo Mandel, is now in the final round of the comedy central open mic competition. The people of Mendocino County can help him win, by voting for him at the Comedy Central Web site, /www.comedycentral.com/openmicfight and voting for Mo Mandel. In the semi-final round, he placed in the top three out of 72 comedians who were selected by Comedy Central from all over the U.S. to compete in the competition.

It is possible to vote for him once per day per computer.

Local has graduated Army Basic combat training

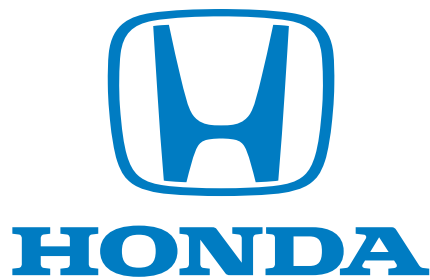
Army Pvt. Andrew C. Elo has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Tracy Elo of Fort Bragg.

Elo is a 2005 graduate of Healdsburg High School.

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By James Barrick

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1. De-icer
5. Expression of shock
9. Faithful
13. Curmudgeon's cry
16. Jewish month
17. Howe or Canetti
19. Effluvium
21. Cakes and —
22. Start of a quip by Sandra Bullock: 4 wds.
25. Porker
26. Fixes firmly
27. Stops
28. Reindeer moss
30. Level
32. Gas: prefix
33. Cummerbund
34. Top exec

36. Pre-Columbian Indian
38. Most daft
42. Part 2 of quip
45. — medica
47. — glance
48. Where Sitka is
49. Noisy bird
52. Verso's opposite
53. Relative of PDQ
54. A weight
55. And the like: abbr.
57. Drive
59. Stinging plant
61. Black-and-white sea creature
63. Runs off
65. Game marble
67. Journeys
68. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.

72. Brown pigment
74. Abyss
75. Triumphant cry
76. Tolstoy's Karenina
79. Hold tenderly
81. Richie or Kidman
83. Event at a sta.
85. A twitching
86. Stake
87. Disinclined
89. Palindromic name
91. Polish
93. — Grande
94. Marine alga
96. Part 4 of quip: 2 wds.
98. Certain bet at a track
100. Vocal group
103. Legal matter

104. Emmets
105. Racer in a fable
106. Gen. Robert —
109. Big gun
112. Son of Poseidon
114. Fancy
118. Kimono accessory
119. End of the quip: 4 wds.
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124. Esculent
125. Outward show
126. Type style: abbr.
127. Grassland
128. Foil's relative
129. Whirlpool
130. Treat to preserve

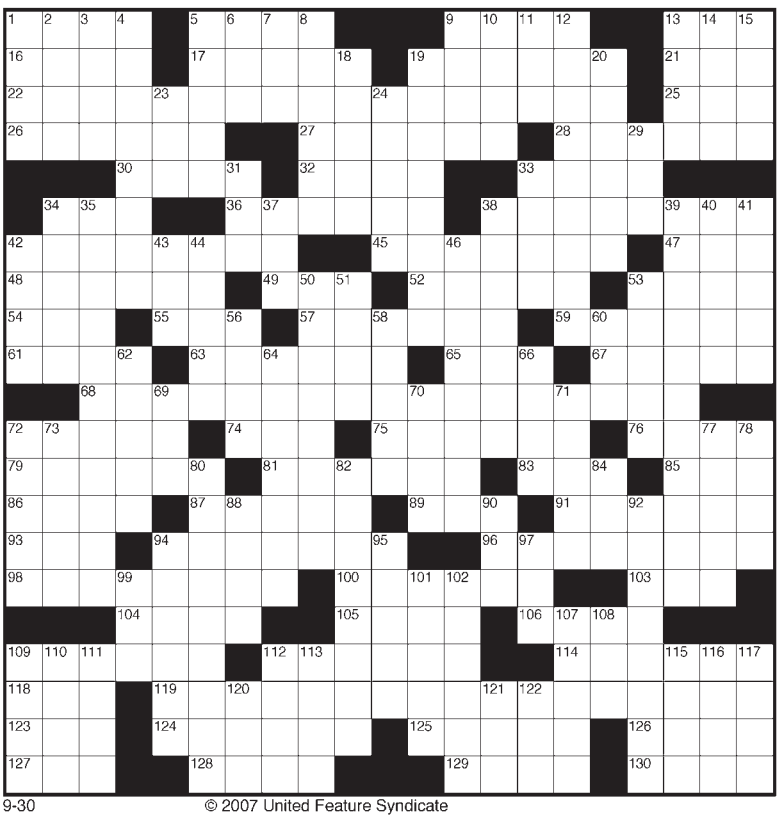
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3. AKA "Elia"
4. Forest's canopy
5. Waterfowl
6. One of the states: abbr.
7. Be bad
8. French philosopher
9. Antler branch
10. Sunbeams
11. Troops' R&R org.
12. Imitation
13. Hit
14. Succulent plant
15. Cut down
18. Dulcet
19. Fleasy part of a fruit
20. Plant bristle

23. CCC + MCCI
24. Seraglio
29. Greek letter
31. Itinerary: abbr.
33. Variety
34. Play with crayons
35. Manumitter
37. Statute: abbr.
38. Announce
39. Clock setting: 2 wds.
40. Stern
41. Red and ticker
42. — — -nine-tails
43. Fretted instrument
44. Spud
46. Wobbled
50. Hunger
51. A songbird
53. Heart chambers
56. Hoof-on-pave-ment sound
58. Bone: prefix

60. After zeta
62. In reserve
64. WWII battle site
66. Flightless bird
69. Account amt.
70. Expressive dance
71. Deflect, as a blow
72. Cliff
73. A Muppet
77. Dressed to the —
78. Whizzes
80. Battery terminal
82. Wonderland's — Cat
84. Chronicle: abbr.
88. Grain crop
90. Mature
92. Kind of medicine
94. Legislative

- body
95. " — of a Salesman"
97. Amerindian
99. Nutritionist's concern
101. Trial printout
102. Term of office
107. High-flown
108. Baseball stat
109. Gunman's gal
110. Heckelphone
111. Port city in Latvia
112. Soliloquy start: 2 wds.
113. Govern
115. Island of the Near Islands
116. Rend
117. — S. Gardner
120. Yelp
121. Turf
122. Finis



Puzzle answers on the next page

Datebook: (date including year)

Today is the 273rd day of 2007 and the 8th day of autumn.
TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1938, France and Britain reached an agreement with Hitler's Germany to allow German troops to occupy half of the Czechoslovakian region of Sudetenland.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift, which delivered fuel and food to West Berliners in avoidance of a Soviet blockade, ended.
In 2005, a Danish newspaper published controversial cartoons about the Islamic prophet Muhammad.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Deborah

Kerr (1921-), actress, is 86; Truman Capote (1924-1984), writer; Elie Wiesel (1928-), writer/activist, is 79; Angie Dickinson (1931-), actress, is 76; Johnny Mathis (1935-), singer, is 72; Eric Stolz (1961-), actor, is 46; Martina Hingis (1980-), tennis player, is 27.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1927, Babe Ruth broke his own record for home runs in a season by hitting his 60th, setting a

record that would stand for 34 years.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act." -- Truman Capote
TODAY'S FACT: Truman Capote's birth name was Truman Streckfus Persons; he adopted his stepfather's surname as a teenager.
TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 26) and last quarter (Oct. 3).

'Leaf' the sight-seeing to the tourists, or get off the road

We have been stuck behind Mr. and Mrs. Leaf Peeper for 45 minutes. Sue and I are on our way home from the grocery store -- they are on vacation. It's nice to be on vacation, to not have a worry in the world, to take the time to smell the roses, to wander wherever the wind blows you, to be awed by the wonder of nature, to drink in the majestic beauty of this country, to slow down and admire every new vista in brilliant, flaming colors. But do you have to do it in front of us?
"Let's ram them," Sue said.
I'm not sure she knew she was thinking aloud, but she had read my mind. Dumb, stupid nature. Dumb, stupid beauty. We've got things to do. It must be swell to have the time to look at dead leaves, but we've got gutters to clean, bulbs to plant, patio furniture to stow away for the winter,



Village Idiot
By Jim Mullen

storm windows to install. Most of all, I've got a lawn full of beautiful leaves to rake. Not so beautiful when they're knee-deep on your front lawn, are they, Mr. and Mrs. Foliage Connoisseur?
They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and I guess I'll be holding about 20 giant leaf bags before the day is through -- if I ever get home. The leaf-lovers ahead of us are now stuck behind other leaf-lovers, who are even slower than

they are. Where do these drivers come from that have never seen leaves before? If they live within driving distance, they must certainly have their own leaves.
Oh, they want to see them at their peak. Nothing but the best for them. Two days before peak, why even leave the house? Two days after peak? What kind of chump would want to look at leaves two days after they peak? It would be like going to a museum and finding all the Rembrandts were out being cleaned. The rest of the paintings are just a bunch of Van Goghs and Picassos. Why bother to even leave the house for that?
Or maybe our leaves are different from their leaves. Our leaves turn red and yellow; maybe theirs turn pink with purple polka dots. C'mon peo-

ple, they're just dead leaves. If you look at them close up, they're dirty, they're spotted, they're misshapen, they're full of bugs -- they're not very pretty at all. Is yellow a better color than green? Is rusty brown a better color than green? I think green can hold its own with all the other colors, I don't think we have to get all dramatic about a bunch of leaves losing all their chlorophyll.
Whoa! What's this, the leaf-huggers have their right blinker on. Finally! Praise the Lord! There's a pull-off for the overlook up ahead. Yes, get off the road and take your leaf-peeping friends with you!
As we follow them with our eyes, making sure this isn't some leaf-peeping trick -- that suddenly they'll change their minds and swerve back in front of us at 20 mph -- we get a

view of the hills and valleys below us.
It was as if a bright red and gold rainbow had fallen to the ground so we could see what it looked like close-up. We slowed down and followed the leaf-peepers into the overlook.
It turned out the "tourists" were from the next town. They didn't know why, but they'd decided to take the day off and drive around. We decided to take the rest of the day off, too. The storm windows could wait; who wants to clean gutters on a day like this anyway? I may not rake the leaves at all this year.
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ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Oct. 1, 2007
Several obstacles and restrictions that have impeded your progress in the past year should start to diminish in strength. Don't hesitate to take one more shot at your goal. Because with those impediments gone, you can succeed.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You're likely to be the only one who will be impressed by your grandiose schemes or ideas. So before laying your presentations on too thick, assess your audience for its intelligence.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- It could prove to be a serious mistake if you rely on funds that are not already in your bank account. The timetable you have in mind might not be compatible with your cash flow.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Serious decisions that you have to make should not be predicated upon limited information or wishful thinking. It's good to be optimistic, but if it's exaggerated, it may yield major trouble.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll be taken at your word, so don't volunteer anything you're not totally committed to carrying out. If you don't deliver what you promise, your image will be harmed.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- The value of a relationship in which you're presently involved might be grossly exaggerated, and today's events might sadly bring this to your attention, forcing you to be more realistic.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Before knocking yourself out working on a major objective, carefully check things to make sure it can live up

to your expectations once accomplished. All your efforts may be for naught.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be the first to call attention to any blunder you make. If you are up front about your mistake, others will have no trouble helping you correct it. If not, you'll only compound matters.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Put a halt to reckless spending before you get yourself into more debt than you can comfortably handle. Your budget might not be as elastic as you think once you go over the line.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take care that you don't prejudge the other guy/gal without valid reason, especially when negotiating a money issue. You won't compromise if you think you're being taken advantage of.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stand on your own two feet and don't put too much stock in the promises of another. If you think someone will pitch in and help, you may expect more of him or her than you're apt to get.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Your creditability will suffer if you exaggerate or embellish your accomplishments. Modesty will have a greater influence on your acceptance than does magnification of the truth.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- This is a day to take more out of your head than you do your wallet. Don't hire expensive workmen for jobs you can do yourself or buy costly items you can easily make yourself.
Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Can you vacuum up allergens?

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

It used to be that all a vacuum cleaner had to do was pick up dirt from carpets and floors. But some manufacturers have begun adding claims about their machines' ability to provide relief to allergy sufferers by removing allergens from the home. Some models made by Dyson actually carry an asthma-friendly seal from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

But how effective are vacuums when it comes to cutting down on sneezing and wheezing?

Recent tests performed by Consumer Reports showed that manufacturers' promises about allergen relief mean less than they suggest. Just about any vacuum should be able to suck up pollen, mold spores and other typical allergens since the particles' relatively large size make them easy to capture once they've fallen to the floor. Yet that doesn't mean there aren't significant variations when it comes to vacuum cleaners' other characteristics, including noise, emissions, weight, ease of handling and ability to pick up

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various substances from sand to pet hair.

THE DIRT ON VACUUMS

In rigorous tests that took cleaning, handling, noise and emissions into account, the \$300 Kenmore Progressive with Direct Drive received the highest overall score. Yet the tests indicated that savvy shoppers can also get fine performance and less weight for considerably less money. For example, Consumer Reports recommended three Hoover uprights as CR Quick Picks -- one model cost only \$60.

However, some of the other vacuums that were tested were downright disappointing. Electrolux claims that its Twin Clean canister's "powerful brushroll" is specially designed for deep cleaning, yet when it was subjected to a tough pet-hair test, it stopped cold. One Eureka Optima model spewed visible dust and another Optima scored poorly in emissions tests. Both temporarily shut down when those tests triggered their thermal-overload switches.

Two newcomers also per-

formed unimpressively in CR's tests. Koblenz markets its \$440 U-610-ZN upright for commercial use, yet it delivered less-than-stellar cleaning, it won't accept tools and it was noisy enough to require hearing protection. It also has a plastic fan despite the "all-metal construction" claim on its box. Metropolitan's ADM-4PNHSF canister, which sells for around \$600, worked fine on carpets and floors but was only fair in hose-airflow tests.

CHOOSING THE VACUUM THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

While several vacuums earned Consumer Reports' "Best Buy" rating, most were far from perfect when it came to handling. Look for models that perform well at the type of cleaning you care about most. Then keep these tips in mind:

- Choose the right kind. Most vacuums do well on bare floors, and uprights tend to do best on carpets. But you may prefer a canister model, which is easier to push and pull because it requires moving

only the hose and the power-head. Canisters are also easier to use on stairs.

- Check its features. A brush on/off switch helps prevent dirt from scattering on bare floors, while a manual pile-height adjustment lets you match the vacuum's height to carpets more precisely. Suction control allows you to reduce airflow through the hose when cleaning curtains and upholstery.

- Think twice about bagless vacuums. Emptying the bin in a bagless vacuum is a dusty task that needs to be done frequently, so if you have allergy concerns, you'll probably prefer a bag. And while HEPA bags and filters can provide added filtration, they don't guarantee that the vacuum they're in won't spew dust. In general, vacuums that test well should also do well in your home as long as you use the type of bag or filter they came with.

The highly rated Kenmore 35922, which retails for about \$300, proved effective at picking up allergen-sized particles.

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Everyday
Cheapskate
By Mary Hunt

How to ditch an upside-down auto loan

DEAR MARY: We are upside down in a car loan we cannot afford. We bought the car, and then I got pregnant. The cost of the baby and the car is just too much. We have a second car that we have paid in full, and we could live with just one vehicle, but I can't seem to find a way to get rid of the other one. We are drowning. -- Tracey, e-mail

DEAR TRACEY: While it pains me to even bring up the words "new loan," this is a way you can get out of this mess. Go to your credit union or a family member willing to help you, and work out terms for a signature loan that will cover the difference, or the "gap" amount between what you owe and the price you can get for the car. Once you have a buyer, execute the gap loan so you can complete a title transfer to the buyer. Now you have an unsecured debt, which isn't as good as a secured debt, but with payments considerably less than what you are paying now. Once the loan is paid, keep making those payments to yourself so you will have options when it comes time to buy another car.

DEAR MARY: I am part of a women's group that is planning a Christmas meeting with the theme of getting the right heart attitude for the holidays. We want to focus on not buying into the commercialism of the holidays and trying to have a simpler Christmas. I am wondering whether you know of a craft that would look nice and would also be fun and inexpensive to make -- something we could do in 15 to 20 minutes and that the women would feel good about giving as a gift. Thanks! -- Sheri, e-mail

DEAR SHERI: I do. You need to start with a new kitchen whisk (I found whisks online for about \$6 each). Spread the tines apart and fill the cavity with brightly colored wrapped candies. Because my tines were extra flexible, I bundled the candies in plastic wrap and then tucked the bundle inside so the individual candies would not fall out in transit. Now embellish the whisk with raffia, ribbons, bows, sprigs of pine or other appropriate holiday decor. For less than \$10, this makes a wonderful gift for anyone who has a kitchen. If you need more ideas, there are hundreds (thousands?) in my new book, "Debt-Proof the Holidays" (DPL Press, 2007), in bookstores Oct. 1, or online at www.debtproofliving.com. I made about 30 whisk gifts last year, and they were a big hit.

DEAR MARY: For approximately three weeks, I have had multiple fruit flies all through my home. Can you give me a remedy? I have eliminated all flowers, fruit, garbage-disposal residue, trashcan buildup, etc. I have also placed fresh mint in water bowls around three rooms with no success. Please help if you can. -- Roseanne S., e-mail

DEAR ROSEANNE: My sources tell me that without breeding grounds (fruits or vegetables outside of the refrigerator), fruit flies cannot exist. So keep looking. The problem could be in garbage cans, the garbage disposal or under appliances.

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The hidden fees in mutual fund investments

I've received a great deal of reader response to my recent coverage of the highly questionable business practices of the retail mutual fund industry.

In doing research for my new book, I uncovered 25 deceptive and misleading business practices that are common in today's mutual fund industry. I've disclosed a handful of these in this column over the past few weeks. The entire list will be unveiled with the release of my book "The Lies About Money" (Simon & Schuster) in October. Many readers have expressed outrage over the astonishing behavior of mutual fund companies and the mysterious and obscure methods they employ to take advantage of their customers. A number of you have also asked about a very basic improper business practice which I haven't yet discussed in this column: hidden fees.

All mutual funds charge fees, right? You wouldn't expect that any of them work for free, correct? I ask because I've occasionally found myself arguing with people over this question. They adamantly claim that they do not pay any fees for their retail mutual funds because they own no-load funds. But load means "sales charge." By buying no-load funds, you avoid only sales charges.

Avoiding loads does not mean that you avoid fees. All mutual funds charge a fee. Actually, they charge two. The first is the Annual Expense Ratio. This pays for the fund's recurring operating costs, from the fund manager's salary to the toll-free telephone number investors call to talk to customer-service representatives. The average expense ratio of retail mutual funds is 1.33 percent per year, according to Morningstar, although many are more



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By Ric Edelman

than 2 percent. The highest in the industry is a staggering 15 percent!

Although the expense ratio is expressed as an annual figure, it's actually debited on a daily basis. But you never notice it because the charge does not appear on your monthly statement. (It's hidden.) To find it, you must look in the fund's prospectus. There, the expense ratio is expressed as a percentage. (The fund further hides the amount you're paying by showing the figure as a percentage instead of dollars.)

Many investors -- and, astonishingly, even many investment advisers -- think the annual expense ratio covers all of the fund's expenses. But it doesn't. The expense ratio covers only the perennial costs: salaries, marketing, overhead and the like. There are many variable costs for operating a fund, and these are excluded from the expense ratio. Indeed, a study by Wake Forest University, the University of Florida and the Zero Alpha Group found that 44 percent of mutual fund fees are not disclosed in the prospectus. The biggest of these omitted costs is trading expenses. Whenever the retail mutual fund manager buys or sells a security, he pays brokerage commissions (just like you would if you bought or sold a stock or bond). Considering that

retail mutual funds trade millions of shares representing billions of dollars, their trading costs are huge -- and the more the fund trades, the more it spends on brokerage commissions. According to Greenwich Associates, the average retail mutual fund spends \$16 million in trading costs per year.

But to find them, you must look in the fund's Statement of Additional Information, an arcane document that's even bigger, denser and harder to read than the prospectus -- and which fund companies, stockbrokers and brokerage firms are not required to give you. To get a copy, you must ask for it -- something few investors do, since few have ever heard of the document. These additional costs represent an average of 1.25 percent in annual expenses. When you add that to the expenses listed in the prospectus, you find that the average retail mutual fund charges its investors 2.58 percent per year, according to Morningstar. Compare that to 1945, when the average fund charged only 0.76 percent per year.

So, let's sum up the confusing fee structure of the retail mutual fund industry. Instead of showing you the fee you pay in dollars right on your statement, you must look for the fee in the prospectus. Then you must convert the percentage into real numbers. And because almost half of the fund's expenses are not included in the prospectus, you must also turn to the Statement of Additional Information. There you must compute the expenses, determine the ratio of expenses to fund assets and convert this figure into dollars based on the amount you have invested. Only in this way can you determine how much you are paying to own your mutual fund.

Credit accounts: are they an open or shut case?

DEAR BRUCE: You recently advised a reader to close unneeded credit-card accounts. I agree with your reasoning and have done that for years. However, many financial advisers advocate leaving older accounts open, even if unused. They say it increases the length of your credit history and can increase your credit score. What do you think? -- Reader in Illinois

DEAR READER: There are all manner of things that are included in your credit score and if you're concerned with a couple of points, it certainly doesn't cost you anything to keep the older accounts open. However, if you have too much available credit, it can definitely make you a less acceptable credit risk. If you have three or four accounts and each account has \$5,000 available, the lender is going to figure that you could all of sudden go out and max your credit cards, and you'd be over your head. This makes lenders understandably gun-shy.

DEAR BRUCE: I have read in your column many times that it's often cheaper to rent than to own, but I just don't get it. Can you explain it to me one more time? -- Reader in Florida

DEAR READER: Many times, one can rent a single-family home for considerably less than one can purchase it. By the time you add your expenses -- principal, interest, taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance and all the other things related to homeownership -- that same



SMART MONEY
By Bruce Williams

home can be rented often for hundreds of dollars a month less, net. If you had the discipline to invest the difference every month, at the end of a five-year period, you most likely would have more money in the investment account than you would have in equity in the home. In most parts of the country, single-family homes rent for less than they can be owned. I can't give you a reason why, but it is a fact.

DEAR BRUCE: I have never seen this question come up in your column. I am single with no immediate family and wonder how to ensure that my estate will go to the proper beneficiaries. I own a house and expect there will be some proceeds from its sale in the event of my death, which I would like distributed between my favorite charities. In addition, I would like some jewelry and other tangible assets to be distributed to friends who would like them. I have an IRA with two charities designated as beneficiaries. My friends know of my wishes, but I have no other documentation. What would be the most efficient way to see

that, upon the sale of my home and payment of outstanding debts, the correct beneficiaries are notified? I do not have a lawyer and wonder with whom I should leave this information. Who would take charge of my estate? Would there be probate? I have friends who would take my dogs, but I would like money set aside to take care of them. I also want to make sure the money left is to be used expressly for their care and expenses. Can you give me some advice? -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: With the minutia that you have outlined in your letter, the answer is apparent: You should have an appropriately drawn will left in the care of your attorney, who will be your executor for a fee. He will see that your charities are remembered and your residual assets are given to the appropriate people and, of course, perhaps most important, that your pets will be properly cared for. There should be some kind of detail on your person, in your home, etc., that, in the event of an incident, your attorney should be notified.

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Greetings to All from Round Valley!

This packet contains one (1) Contract Documents Booklet, one (1) Specifications Booklet, and one (1) set of Townhouse Building Plan Booklet.

A deposit of \$150.00 is required from all bidders, please make your check or money order payable to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority, this deposit is Non-refundable.

The following completed signed items must be submitted with the Bid Form to be considered responsive:

1. Bid Form
2. Bid Security
3. Representations, Certifications
4. Indian Enterprise Qualification Statement
5. Non-Collusive Affidavit
6. Contractor's Indian Preference Subcontracting and Purchasing Narrative Statement.
7. Contractor's Indian Preference Employment Training and Opportunities Plan Narrative
8. Copy of Contractor's License of copy of Contractor's License Card
9. Contractor's Qualification Statement

Do not send in your Contract Booklet, send the above mentioned items, this will be your sealed bid to be opened by the Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2007 shortly after 2:00 pm, this is when the contract will be awarded.

There will be a Mandatory pre-construction meeting for all bidders on October 9, 2007 at the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority Building located on 115-B Concow Blvd. Covelo, CA. at 10:00 am.

Thank you, for your interest in our project.

Cordially,

Leonard Brown, Project Manager

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Anyone who knows the where abouts of Diane Sue Bench or Casey Rhinn Gilstrap please contact Teena at 705-943-6101 or email me with a number i can call you at gilstrap@hotmail.com

Local Lady seeks Mendo. Man, 55 to 62, to share new adventures and old favorites. Sherlock@pacific.net

30 LOST & FOUND

I am a male Airedale Terrier and I was glancing over the lake on Marina Drive I thought the water looked too low for a swim so I went and visited some people. They keep me for while, but I am a big boy and was just too much for them. They brought me to the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd on 9/27. I sure do hope my people come and find me! Come to the shelter or call Sage at 467-6453

LOST DOGS 2 Boxers, (1)awn (1)brindle, Hopland/McNabb Ranch Area since 9/21 Please call 744-1627

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\$60,000+ annual earning potential.

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Join Our Professional Driving Team

A local petroleum distributor is currently seeking qualified Applicants will need to have full endorsements, clean DMV, current medical card. Positions are F/T, year-round. Bonus program, health benefits, 401(k) holiday, vacation pay. **Please apply in person at 2401 N. State St. Ukiah 707-462-8811**

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Administrative Assistant

Mendocino Redwood Company, LLC., Fort Bragg Office has an opening for a full-time Administrative Assistant. Ideal candidates will have 1 year of clerical experience and/or certificate from college or technical school. Micro-soft Office knowledge, accounts payable, payroll and safety experience. We offer an excellent benefits and compensation package. Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume and salary history to recruiter@mendocino.com Visit our website www.mrc.com for more information. EOE/ADA

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Butte County Office of Education has an opening in Napa County for a Migrant Education Recruiter. Full-time, benefits, Spanish required, starting at \$12.70/hr. Deadline to apply: October 3, 2007. Apply online at www.edjoin.org keyword "Butte County".

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Exp. Maint. Person
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FINANCIAL AID COORDINATOR
MENDOCINO COLLEGE
Ukiah Campus
mendocino.edu
468-3024

NOC-Shift Caregiver
10:00pm-6:00 am. Wages negotiable. **1343 S. Dora St. 462-6212**

120 HELP WANTED

Finance Director

The City of Fort Bragg is seeking a knowledgeable, service-oriented finance professional as its new Finance Director. Must be experienced in municipal finances, budgeting, and staff supervision. Additional minimum requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field; and
- Minimum two years supervisory experience; and
- Possession of valid Class C or higher California Driver's license.

Salary is up to \$89,228 annually with an excellent benefit package. To apply, please send a detailed resume and cover letter to Teresa Haase, Human Resources Manager, 416 N. Franklin St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437, 707-961-2823. Filing deadline is October 22, 2007. Please visit our website at: www.fortbragg.com EOE/AA/Drug Free Workplace.

Front Desk/Night Auditor. Apply in person Holiday Inn Express, 1720 N. State St. Ukiah

Full/Part time LVN Tired of high case loads? Provide support to 6 adults with Devel. Disabilities in their home and supervise staff. Office 485-5168 Cell 489-0022

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Office Mgr. Full charge, Payroll, PR taxes, payables, bank reconciliations, health insurance, phones, mail. Must be highly exp. in MS Word, Excel and cost acctg. Heavy data entry. 35 hr/wk. Full benefits. Mail resume to 10751-B Main St., Potter Valley 95469 wms@pacific.net or fax 743-1455

Substance Abuse Counselor
Mendocino County HHSA/Public Health Branch/AODP adult program. \$2,546-\$3,096/Mo. Req. HS Grad & one yr exp. Apply by 10/09/07 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, w/TDD (800) 735-2929. EOE. www.mendocino.ca.us/hr

RN/LVN, F/T Days and PM shifts. Apply in person 1162 S. Dora. Hire on bonus. See Deana

120 HELP WANTED

Instructional Aide

Part-time positions for Charter Academy schools. Credential not required. **Apply at 1059 N. State Street, Ukiah or www.edjoin.org**

REFUSE SITE ATTENDANT Extra Help

Mendocino Co. Solid Waste Div \$11.52/hr. To fill extra help, on call positions throughout the county. Req valid CA drivers license, HS Grad & three mos related exp. Apply to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, w/TDD (800) 735-2929. Or visit website: at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr EOE.

Environmental Health Specialist I/II

HHSA/Public Health Branch: I \$3416-\$4157/Mo. Req. BA & EHS I: letter from CA Dept of Health Services stating minimum reqs for Trainee have been met, EHS II: registration as EH Specialist and one to two years exp. Apply by 10/08/07 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261 w/TDD (800) 735-2929. www.mendocino.ca.us/hr EOE.

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EXTRA HELP

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Food Service Worker

Mendocino Co. Juvenile Hall is seeking to fill extra-help, on-call vacancies. \$9.95/Hr. Performs a variety of entry-level tasks related to the prep and service of meals to inmates in Juvenile Hall. Req HS Diploma or GED and three mos related exp. Apply by 10/05/07 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, w/TDD (800) 735-2929 www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr EOE

SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Mendocino County HHSA Mental Health Branch \$4578-\$5564/Mo. Req Masters degree in social work or related field & licensure as LCSW, MFT, LCP or RPN, & three yrs exp. Apply by 10/10/07 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, w/TDD (800) 735-2929. EOE www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr

Licensed Vocational Nurse

Hillside Health Center, F/T licensed LVN. Spanish speaking pref. Competitive salary DOE, great benefits! Fax: 468-0793 skenney@mchcinc.org www.mchcinc.org

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Deputy Probation Officer I/II

Mendocino County II: \$3286-3994/Mo. I: \$2980-\$3623/Mo. To manage case-loads. Req AA in Behavioral Science, Criminal Justice or related. Req Basic Core Course Cert & Penal Code 832 and II: one yr exp. I: six mos exp. Apply immediately to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4261, EOE www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr

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Mechanic Position
Diesel engine exp. req'd. Welding exp. pref. F/T + benef. Job description & application avail. at 351 Franklin Ave. Willits Or call 707-459-4845

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PART -TIME PARALEGAL/legal Assistant with 5+ years experience in civil, probate, and criminal law needed for growing law firm in Ukiah. Excellent communication skills and team identity needed. Must be able to work independently and have a strong knowledge of court rules and procedures. Skills needed include trial preparation, deposition preparation, discovery, subpoenas and responses, document preparation and organization, creating binders, indexing, data entry, filing and general administrative support. Send reply to box 04043, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.

People to work with developmentally disabled adults one on one in their own home. All Shifts available. Call **Cindy 468-9331**

LIVE IN AID. Light housekeeping, cooking, and general care for ambulatory elderly lady. Private room and bath. Must have clean DMV and pass physical and drug screen upon job offer. Salary negotiable. Send reply to box 02086, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.

Ukiah residential childrens facility is looking for caring, responsible individuals to come join our team. Some exp. preferred but not necessary. Will provide on the job training. Starting sal. \$12.12 hr. 403B, great benefits & vacation package. Fax resume to 463-6957

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UKIAH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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120 HELP WANTED

YOUTH WORKER/ SR YOUTH WORKER: Willits. Provide crisis counseling, school based activities, referrals, parent education/ support. Work closely with schools. 35 hrs/wk. Benefited. Job description/application: Mendocino County Youth Project, 463-4915

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UUSD seeks experienced **Baseball Coaches.** Two positions available, JV (\$2600) and FROSH (\$2,200) dependent upon qualifications. Must be certified in CPR & 1st aid; fingerprint & TB clearance req'd. Apply w/Personnel, UUSD, 925 N. State St., 463-5208. EEO

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Redwood Valley Rancheria Wastewater System Improvements
The Redwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians is soliciting bids for a construction services contract to make improvements to the Tribe's community wastewater system. Work includes pipes, pumps, controls and electrical work, earthwork, tankage, drainfields and fencing. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM October 19, 2007 at the Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribal Office located at 3250 Road 1, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, CA 95470. Contact Zhao Qiu, Tribal Project Representative for bidding documents at (707)485-0361

TLC Child & Family Services
seeks 2 additional homes for Shelter Care program
Applicants need to have at least 1 spare bdrm to house a child for up to 30 days. Guaranteed monthly allotment. Generous increase upon placement. Income tax-exempt. Exp. with children req. Parents will receive training. + Social Worker, in-home support & respite.
Need 1 or 2-parent homes, with 1 parent home full time. Home with no more than 1 biological child considered. Retirees invited to apply. Contact TLC 707-463-1100 Lic#236800809

TEACHER- Lake County Office of Education Preschool Program. Work site: Pomo Elementary School in Clearlake, 8 hour per day, \$13.31-\$14.53 per hour/DOE. Under the general supervision of the Site Supervisor, develops, implements, and maintains appropriate indoor and outdoor learning environments for the children. Complete position description and application available on-line at: www.edjoin.org. Human Resources (707)262-4151. **Deadline: 10/12/07**

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Force One is seeking 18-24 girls & guys to participate in a nationwide youth incentive program. Potential of earning \$300-\$800.00 wk. while traveling coast to coast! Earn trips, cash awards, jewelry and other awesome prizes! Paid training, hotel & transportation provided. position going fast! Call NOW!! 1-800-701-1442 www.forceoneteam.com 18 & Over Only

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Round Valley Indian Housing Authority Job Announcement
MANAGER OF FINANCE
Applicant will be responsible for and maintaining an accounting system that follows the standard accounting practices and assures compliance with all HUD accounting requirements. Performs all accounting functions as assigned; prepares statements and financial reports; must have good oral and written communication skills. Applicant must be knowledgeable of modern bookkeeping/accounting practices and procedures. Applicant must have knowledge of QuickBooks Pro 2007 software. Must be able to use Word and have the ability to type a minimum of 40 wpm. The Manager of Finance will report directly to the Executive Director/Deputy Director.

Applicant must willing to submit and be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening and possess a valid California Driver's License.

This is an offer as a Full time permanent position.

Salary: NEGOTIABLE DOE.

Call Karen Breedlove at (707) 983-6188 ext. 25 for more information and copy of the job description. Submit RVIHA application and resumes to RVIHA PO Box 682, Covelo, and CA 95428.

Applications/resumes will be accepted until 4:00 pm on October 5, 2007.

Indian Preference Title 25, U.S. Code Sections 472 and 473 will be adhered. RVIHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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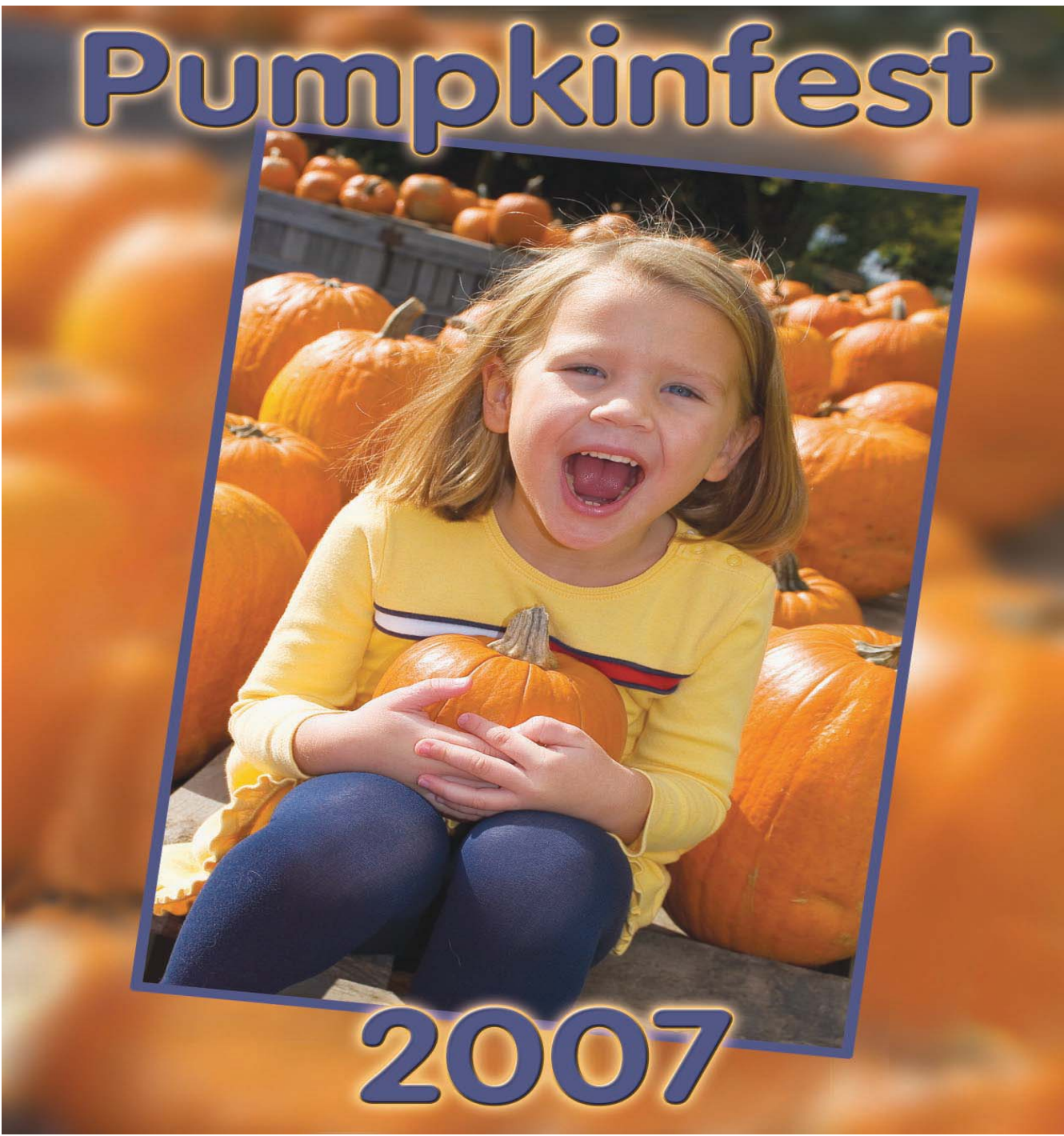
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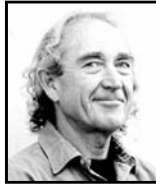
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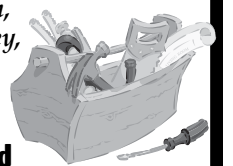
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HELP! HELP!

DARN!! IT'S MARGARET.

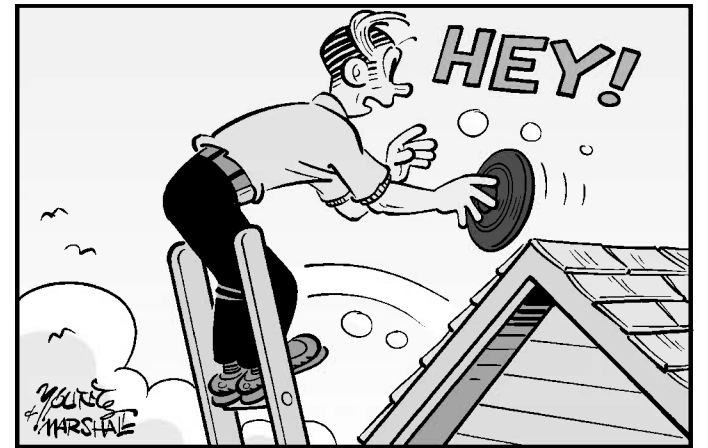
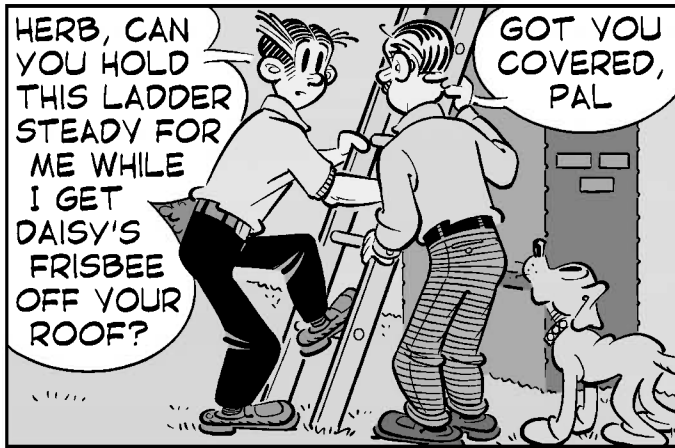
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POW!

MY HERO! YUCK! POOF!

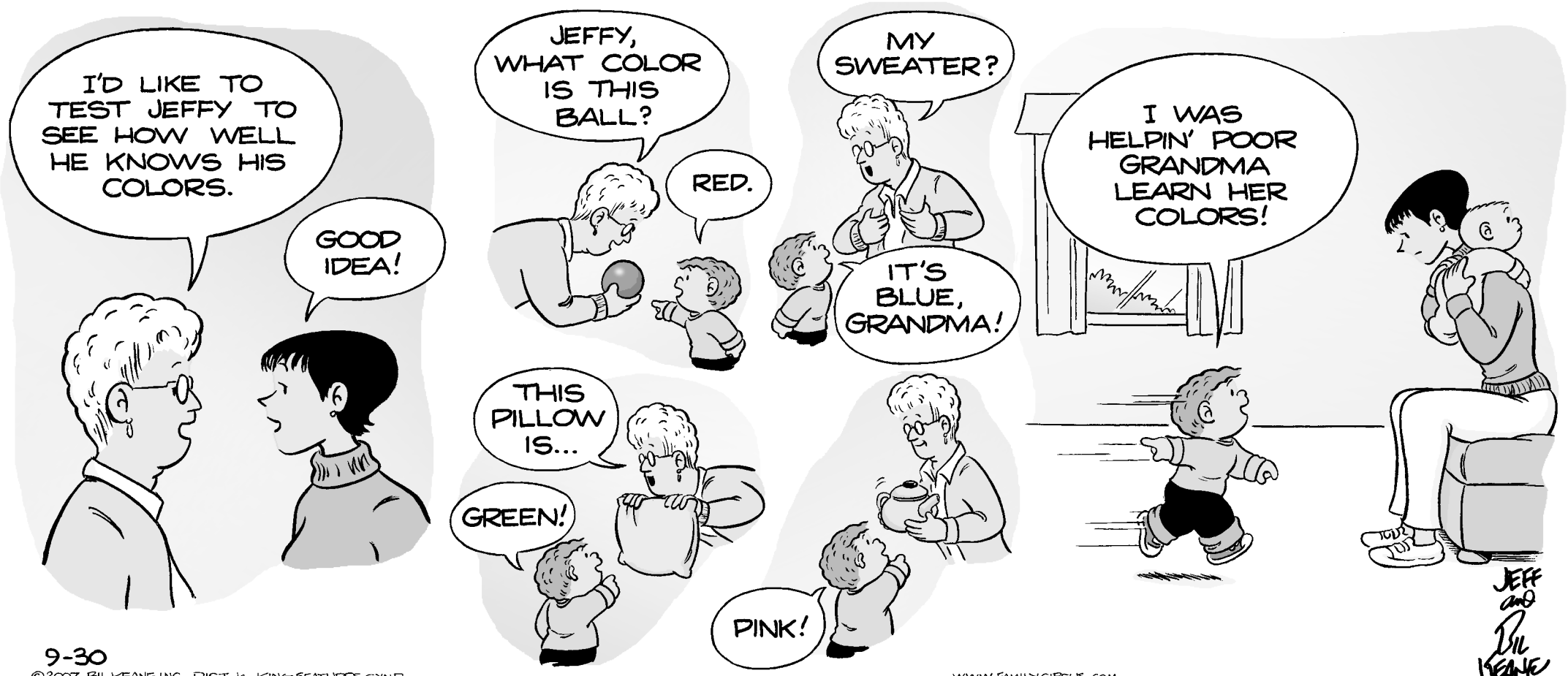
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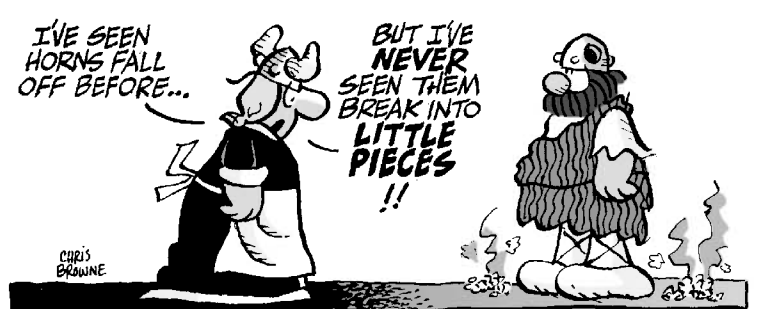
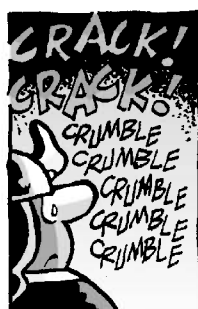
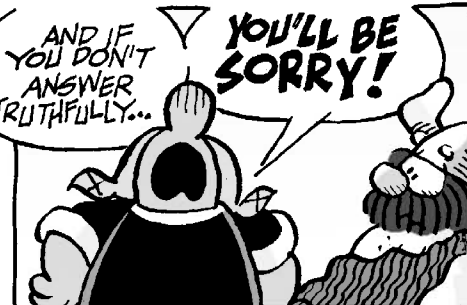
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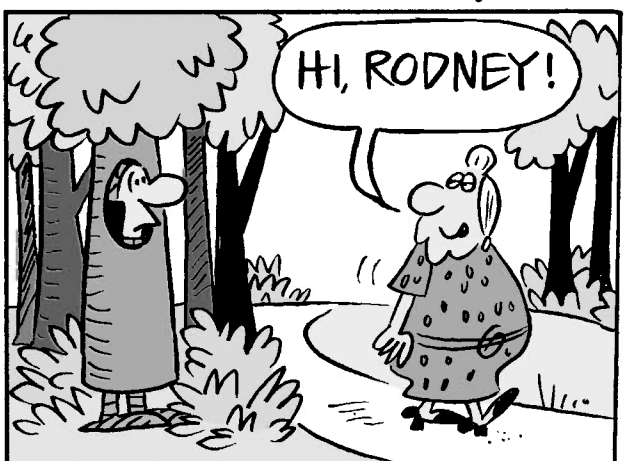


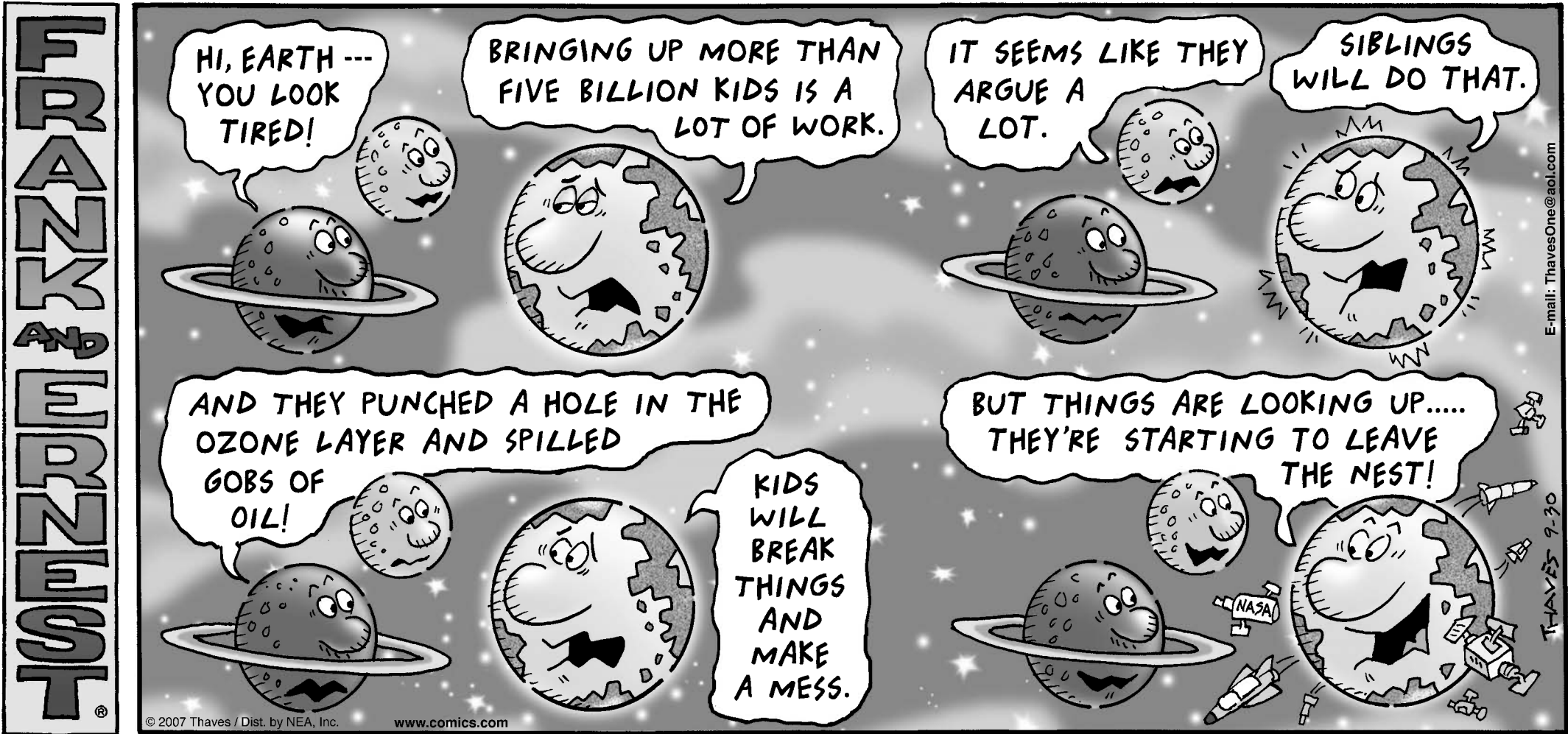
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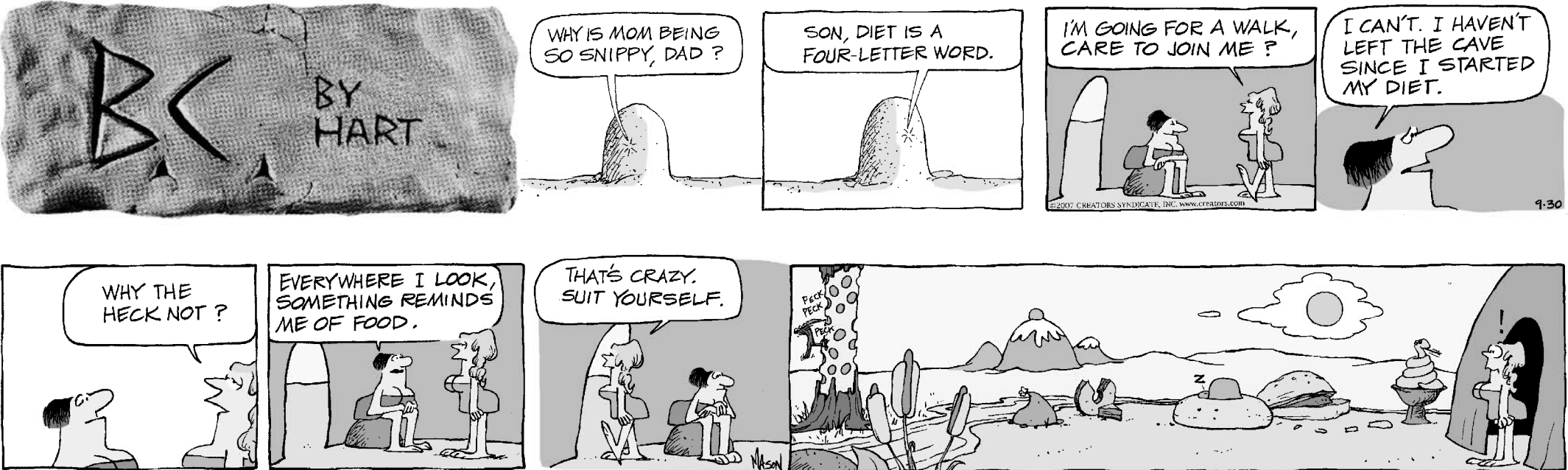
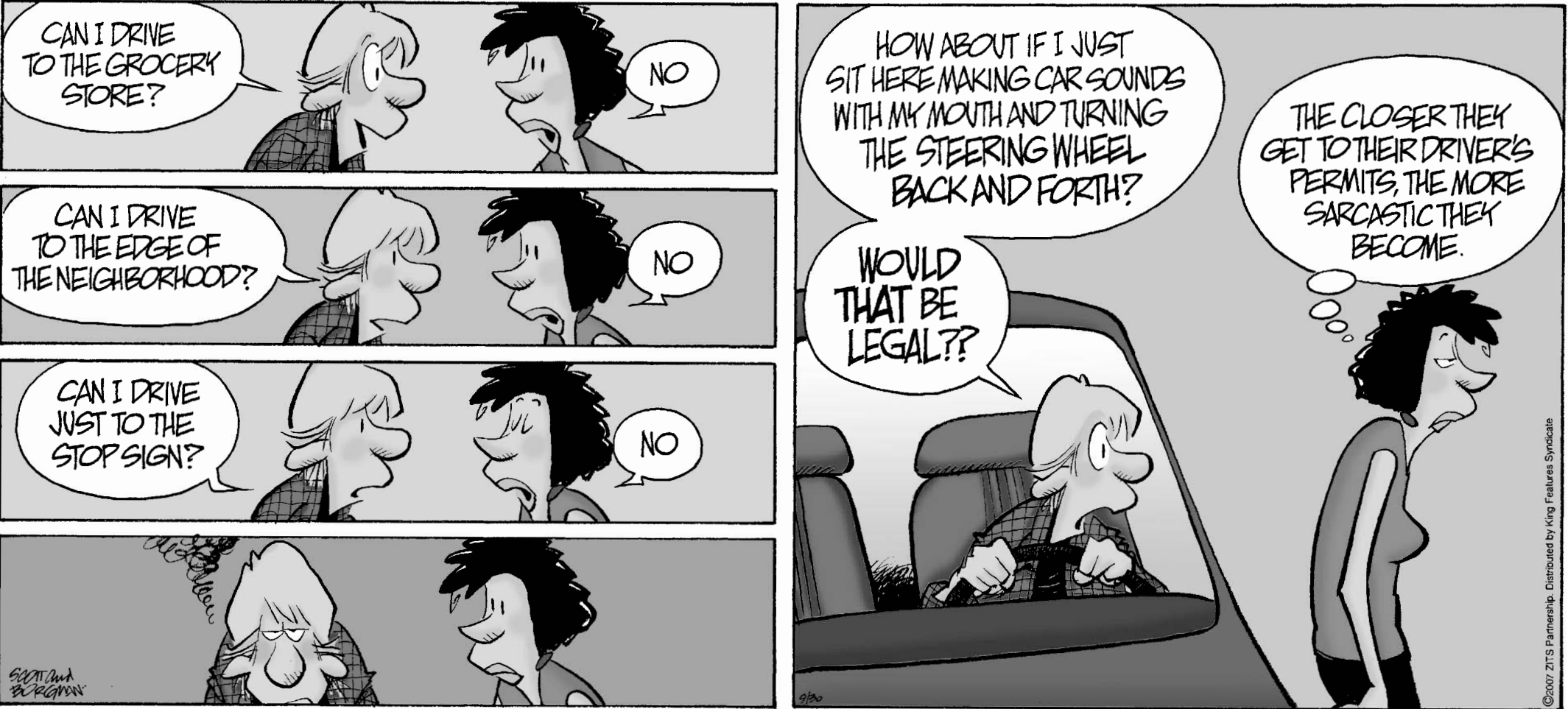


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